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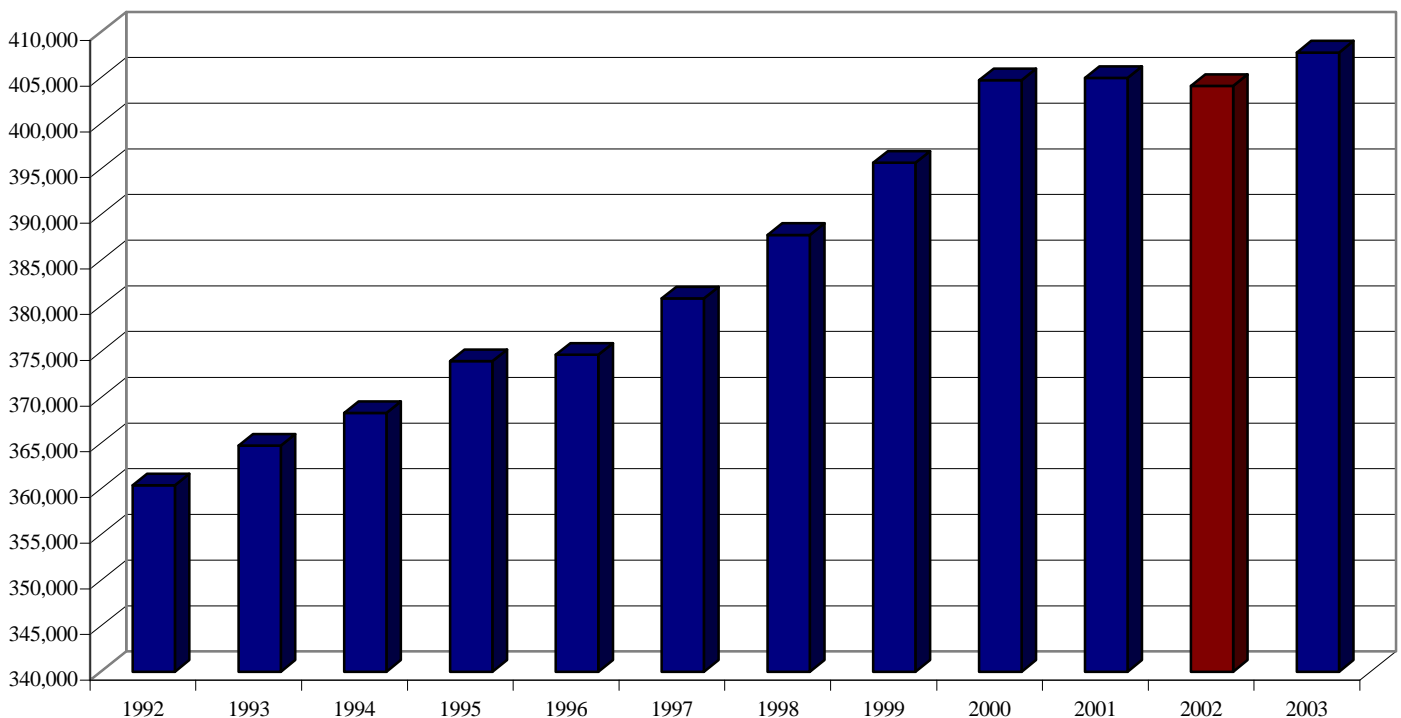
Rhode Island's private sector employers resumed hiring in 2003, adding more than 3,600 jobs over the year. This 0.9 percent growth, while small, was an improvement from the job losses posted in the previous year and ended a decade-long trend of rising employment levels.

Private sector employment in the Ocean State increased annually between 1992 and 2001. During this period, Rhode Islanders benefited from the addition of more than 44,500 jobs, a 12.4 percent growth in employment. This expansion began to shrink in 2001, when employers added just 250 jobs to the local economy. By 2002, Rhode Island businesses reported a 0.2 percent (-891) decline in private sector jobs, ending a streak of continuous annual job gains dating back to 1992-1993.

Rhode Island's job losses in 2002 mirrored a national trend, as only four states (New Mexico, Montana, Alaska, and Wyoming) reported private sector job growth that year. However, of the forty-six states reporting job losses during this period, the Ocean State posted the smallest percentage decline (-0.2%) in New England and the fourth smallest decline in the country. Across the United States, employment dipped by 1.6 percent in 2002.

In 2003, Rhode Island's private sector showed signs of a rebound. The state was one of eighteen to report job growth between 2002 and 2003, adding 3,663 jobs. This brought the state's total private sector employment to 407,742 jobs, its highest level ever. Moreover, this 0.9 percent growth ranked eighth in the nation and was notably better than the national average of -0.5 percent. Rhode Island was the only New England state to *add* jobs over the year, as regional neighbors Maine (-397), New Hampshire (-855), Vermont (-2,036), Connecticut (-18,133), and Massachusetts (-51,473) continued to feel the impact of a stagnant national economy.

Annual Average Private Sector Employment in Rhode Island, 1992-2003



Annual Average Private Sector Employment in the United States, 2001-2003

	2001 - 2003				
	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
United States	109,304,802	107,577,281	107,077,754	-2,227,048	-2.0%
Alabama	1,518,804	1,492,477	1,482,758	-36,046	-2.4%
Alaska	209,521	211,903	215,666	6,145	2.9%
Arizona	1,891,537	1,876,764	1,902,321	10,784	0.6%
Arkansas	945,820	936,465	930,743	-15,077	-1.6%
California	12,668,223	12,461,949	12,452,735	-215,488	-1.7%
Colorado	1,872,850	1,814,307	1,776,783	-96,067	-5.1%
Connecticut	1,430,323	1,408,923	1,390,790	-39,533	-2.8%
Delaware	353,374	347,690	347,350	-6,024	-1.7%
Florida	6,153,547	6,149,892	6,208,233	54,686	0.9%
Georgia	3,267,910	3,188,907	3,160,493	-107,417	-3.3%
Hawaii	446,130	444,519	453,949	7,819	1.8%
Idaho	466,581	465,801	468,583	2,002	0.4%
Illinois	5,076,740	4,952,156	4,886,642	-190,098	-3.7%
Indiana	2,485,641	2,443,987	2,427,309	-58,332	-2.3%
Iowa	1,201,749	1,185,662	1,177,307	-24,442	-2.0%
Kansas	1,083,162	1,064,161	1,048,962	-34,200	-3.2%
Kentucky	1,447,985	1,425,851	1,423,345	-24,640	-1.7%
Louisiana	1,513,816	1,488,755	1,492,024	-21,792	-1.4%
Maine	496,432	492,726	492,329	-4,103	-0.8%
Maryland	1,980,057	1,977,276	1,984,069	4,012	0.2%
Massachusetts	2,861,824	2,790,220	2,738,747	-123,077	-4.3%
Michigan	3,833,109	3,745,997	3,689,242	-143,867	-3.8%
Minnesota	2,240,959	2,214,010	2,206,408	-34,551	-1.5%
Mississippi	884,148	874,488	864,013	-20,135	-2.3%
Missouri	2,242,103	2,214,874	2,200,443	-41,660	-1.9%
Montana	306,790	310,388	314,219	7,429	2.4%
Nebraska	735,492	723,673	724,469	-11,023	-1.5%
Nevada	921,099	917,523	949,297	28,198	3.1%
New Hampshire	530,972	521,454	520,599	-10,373	-2.0%
New Jersey	3,306,094	3,275,702	3,260,154	-45,940	-1.4%
New Mexico	561,911	565,731	571,082	9,171	1.6%
New York	7,019,823	6,848,947	6,803,549	-216,274	-3.1%
North Carolina	3,193,156	3,132,633	3,093,122	-100,034	-3.1%
North Dakota	250,711	249,821	251,632	921	0.4%
Ohio	4,685,732	4,576,369	4,524,294	-161,438	-3.4%
Oklahoma	1,171,362	1,145,071	1,120,011	-51,351	-4.4%
Oregon	1,343,240	1,320,125	1,314,930	-28,310	-2.1%
Pennsylvania	4,849,237	4,791,355	4,753,984	-95,253	-2.0%
Rhode Island	404,970	404,079	407,742	2,772	0.7%
South Carolina	1,477,097	1,454,665	1,455,836	-21,261	-1.4%
South Dakota	297,103	294,996	295,696	-1,407	-0.5%
Tennessee	2,242,144	2,209,384	2,206,004	-36,140	-1.6%
Texas	7,788,564	7,662,067	7,586,332	-202,232	-2.6%
Utah	871,648	857,874	857,256	-14,392	-1.7%
Vermont	249,953	246,527	244,491	-5,462	-2.2%
Virginia	2,826,010	2,785,885	2,789,569	-36,441	-1.3%
Washington	2,209,289	2,153,424	2,158,578	-50,711	-2.3%
West Virginia	551,781	547,512	542,268	-9,513	-1.7%
Wisconsin	2,340,524	2,310,188	2,306,741	-33,783	-1.4%
Wyoming	180,685	182,026	183,571	2,886	1.6%

National data also shows that Rhode Island's workforce has weathered the latest recession fairly well. Between 2001 and 2003, just a dozen states reported overall private sector job growth. The Ocean State was New England's only representative on this list, adding 2,772 (+0.7%) jobs during the three-year span. Although this translated into job growth of less than a percentage point, Rhode Island still fared better than the region and nation as a whole. Maine (-0.8%), New Hampshire (-2.0%), Vermont (-2.2%), Connecticut (-2.8%), and Massachusetts (-4.3%) reported job losses between 2001 and 2003, while throughout the United States, private sector employment declined by 2.0 percent.

A Year in Review examines recent job growth in the Ocean State on the community level. In 2003, which cities and towns experienced the most growth in private sector employment? In which industry sectors did this growth occur? How is industry sector employment concentrated throughout the state? Using data supplied by the Rhode Island Department of Labor & Training's Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW) program, this publication deconstructs the private sector employment by industry sector to provide answers to these questions.

Total Private Sector Employment

More than 3,600 private sector jobs were added throughout the Ocean State in 2003, a 0.9 percent increase. The largest gains occurred in Cranston (+1,371), West Greenwich (+729), West Warwick (+676), Warwick (+630), and Middletown (+537). Notable increases in private sector employment between 2002 and 2003 were also reported in more rural communities, including Coventry (+419), Lincoln (+406), Smithfield (+346), and Cumberland (+315).



On a percentage basis, total private sector employment in West Greenwich jumped by 28.6 percent in 2003, well-ahead of all other Rhode Island communities. The second highest growth rate in employment during this period occurred in Charlestown (+9.5%), followed by Scituate (+9.4%), West Warwick (+8.7%), and Exeter (+7.9%). Several communities reported job growth of less than one percent, including Woonsocket (+0.8%), Portsmouth (+0.7%), Narragansett (+0.3%), and Richmond (+0.2%).

In 2003, one-third of the state's thirty-nine communities reported a decline in private sector employment levels. Triple-digit job losses were reported in Pawtucket (-381), Providence (-271), Central Falls (-246), and East Providence (-214). Much of this overall decline can be attributed to the continued loss of Manufacturing jobs, a trend which has proven to have local, statewide, regional, and national implications. Other cities and towns reporting over-the-year job losses included East Greenwich (-93), North Smithfield (-89), Newport (-72), Burrillville (-68), and Johnston (-65). On a percentage basis, Central Falls (-8.5%), Foster (-4.6%), Hopkinton (-3.0%), Burrillville (-2.9%), and North Smithfield (-2.3%) experienced the largest employment declines between 2002 and 2003.



The annual average wage paid to Rhode Island's private sector workforce was \$34,859 in 2003. This represented a 4.9 percent (+\$1,633) increase over the state's 2002 average wage of \$33,226. By a wide margin, workers in West Greenwich (\$75,893) received the highest annual average private sector wage in 2003, followed by Portsmouth (\$44,512), Providence (\$40,352), Lincoln (\$37,454), and Smithfield (\$36,691).

On the other hand, twenty-nine communities reported an annual average wage below the statewide average. The lowest wages were in Foster (\$21,251), Little Compton (\$23,500), and Narragansett (\$23,588). In the case of Narragansett, a high concentration of part-time, low-wage jobs in the Accommodation & Food Services and Retail Trade industry sectors drove this low average.



Between 2002 and 2003, private sector workers in eight communities saw their annual average wages grow at a rate faster than in the state as a whole. Woonsocket (+8.5%), Providence (+7.7%), West Greenwich (+7.4%), Richmond (+7.1%), Portsmouth (+7.0%), South Kingstown (+6.1%), Cumberland (+5.7%), and Warren (+5.0%) each reported wage growth (on a percentage basis) greater than the state average of 4.9 percent. During this period, workers in five towns saw their annual average wages decline. The largest percentage decline in private sector wages occurred in Jamestown (-4.4%), followed by Burrillville (-3.8%), New Shoreham (-1.7%), Barrington (-0.9%), and Scituate (-0.5%).

in Rhode Island's Cities & Towns

	Annual Average Employment				Annual Average Wage			
	2002-2003				2002-2003			
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
RHODE ISLAND	404,079	407,742	3,663	0.9%	\$33,226	\$34,859	\$1,633	4.9%
Barrington	2,160	2,214	54	2.5%	\$26,395	\$26,169	-\$226	-0.9%
Bristol	5,878	6,164	286	4.9%	\$27,850	\$28,468	\$618	2.2%
Burrillville	2,318	2,250	-68	-2.9%	\$29,598	\$28,473	-\$1,125	-3.8%
Central Falls	2,902	2,656	-246	-8.5%	\$27,372	\$28,683	\$1,311	4.8%
Charlestown	1,334	1,461	127	9.5%	\$28,805	\$30,195	\$1,391	4.8%
Coventry	5,884	6,303	419	7.1%	\$27,145	\$27,548	\$403	1.5%
Cranston	28,416	29,787	1,371	4.8%	\$31,085	\$31,773	\$687	2.2%
Cumberland	7,057	7,372	315	4.5%	\$28,274	\$29,889	\$1,614	5.7%
East Greenwich	6,084	5,991	-93	-1.5%	\$35,118	\$36,308	\$1,191	3.4%
East Providence	21,106	20,892	-214	-1.0%	\$34,270	\$35,145	\$875	2.6%
Exeter	836	902	66	7.9%	\$25,514	\$25,852	\$338	1.3%
Foster	412	393	-19	-4.6%	\$20,326	\$21,251	\$925	4.6%
Glocester	979	1,027	48	4.9%	\$24,583	\$24,616	\$33	0.1%
Hopkinton	1,194	1,158	-36	-3.0%	\$28,719	\$29,188	\$469	1.6%
Jamestown	971	958	-13	-1.3%	\$26,963	\$25,764	-\$1,198	-4.4%
Johnston	10,517	10,452	-65	-0.6%	\$34,864	\$36,398	\$1,533	4.4%
Lincoln	11,534	11,940	406	3.5%	\$36,654	\$37,454	\$800	2.2%
Little Compton	470	495	25	5.3%	\$23,430	\$23,500	\$70	0.3%
Middletown	9,306	9,843	537	5.8%	\$33,723	\$35,200	\$1,476	4.4%
Narragansett	3,357	3,366	9	0.3%	\$22,879	\$23,588	\$710	3.1%
Newport	12,674	12,602	-72	-0.6%	\$27,489	\$28,137	\$648	2.4%
New Shoreham	713	753	40	5.6%	\$26,617	\$26,175	-\$441	-1.7%
North Kingstown	11,412	11,612	200	1.8%	\$34,070	\$35,662	\$1,593	4.7%
North Providence	7,855	7,828	-27	-0.3%	\$27,274	\$27,824	\$549	2.0%
North Smithfield	3,818	3,729	-89	-2.3%	\$29,190	\$29,530	\$340	1.2%
Pawtucket	26,167	25,786	-381	-1.5%	\$32,601	\$33,861	\$1,261	3.9%
Portsmouth	5,205	5,243	38	0.7%	\$41,607	\$44,512	\$2,905	7.0%
Providence	97,381	97,110	-271	-0.3%	\$37,473	\$40,352	\$2,880	7.7%
Richmond	1,305	1,307	2	0.2%	\$24,589	\$26,334	\$1,746	7.1%
Scituate	1,004	1,098	94	9.4%	\$26,637	\$26,510	-\$127	-0.5%
Smithfield	10,587	10,933	346	3.3%	\$36,237	\$36,691	\$454	1.3%
South Kingstown	8,414	8,608	194	2.3%	\$30,119	\$31,967	\$1,848	6.1%
Tiverton	2,046	2,076	30	1.5%	\$27,041	\$27,499	\$458	1.7%
Warren	3,717	3,949	232	6.2%	\$26,617	\$27,958	\$1,341	5.0%
Warwick	46,478	47,108	630	1.4%	\$30,285	\$31,365	\$1,080	3.6%
Westerly	8,618	8,848	230	2.7%	\$28,338	\$28,466	\$128	0.5%
West Greenwich	2,545	3,274	729	28.6%	\$70,649	\$75,893	\$5,245	7.4%
West Warwick	7,814	8,490	676	8.7%	\$31,019	\$32,510	\$1,491	4.8%
Woonsocket	13,254	13,366	112	0.8%	\$31,772	\$34,460	\$2,688	8.5%

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting

The Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting industry sector is one of Rhode Island's smallest, employing just 760 people in 2003. Only Mining (183) establishments employed fewer people on an industry sector basis that year. Businesses engaged in farming vegetables, melons, fruits, and nut trees, greenhouse and nursery production, dairy farming, poultry and egg production, fishing, and support activities for animal production (i.e. breeding services, boarding horses) are all included in Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting. Just four industry sector jobs were added statewide between 2002 and 2003, a 0.5 percent gain.

Not surprisingly, Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting employment is mainly concentrated in Rhode Island's rural and seaside communities. In 2003, South Kingstown (121) reported the largest number of industry sector workers, a community benefiting from direct access to Block Island Sound and the open Atlantic. South Kingstown was followed by Exeter (88) and the Aquidneck Island communities of Middletown (72), Portsmouth (56), and Newport (47), all three of which are bordered by Narragansett Bay to the west and the Sakonnet River to the east.

Industry sector businesses also employed workers in North Kingstown (41), Tiverton (41), Little Compton (31), and Cranston (29). The latter may surprise some, but Cranston's urbanized neighborhoods in the east meld into a more rural lifestyle heading west. Smaller levels of Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting employment existed in Narragansett (28), Foster (22), Johnston (21), North Smithfield (16), Scituate (14), Hopkinton (12), and Westerly (10). Five highly-urbanized Ocean State communities had no Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting workers in 2003 - Central Falls, East Providence, North Providence, Pawtucket, and West Warwick.



Just a handful of communities added jobs in this industry sector between 2002 and 2003, led by South Kingstown (+29) and Tiverton (+13). Smaller job gains were reported in Cranston (+3), Johnston (+3), Scituate (+2), and Foster (+1). On a percentage basis, however, Tiverton's growth translated into a 46.4 percent increase in local Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting employment, while South Kingstown experienced a 31.5 percent increase.

Eight Ocean State localities lost industry sector jobs during this period -- Portsmouth (-21), Exeter (-6), Gloucester (-5), Little Compton (-4), Middletown (-4), Narragansett (-4), Newport (-4), and Hopkinton (-1). Portsmouth's job losses resulted in a 27.3 percent decline in local Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting employment.

On average, industry sector workers throughout the state earned an annual wage of \$24,608 in 2003, an 8.2 percent (+\$1,857) increase over the 2002 average of \$22,751. This low average reflects both the sector's seasonal nature and its employment of low-skill, manual labor. On a community basis, the highest annual average wages were paid in Newport (\$46,790) and North Kingstown (\$44,756), followed by South Kingstown (\$30,671), Narragansett (\$29,862), and Middletown (\$29,683). The largest percentage gains in wages were experienced by workers in North Kingstown (+54.4%), Newport (+25.1%), and Scituate (+23.9%).

In 2003, Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting workers in several communities experienced a decline in their annual average wages. The few industry sector employees in Gloucester saw their average wage drop 47.0 percent, followed by Tiverton (-25.6%), Johnston (-9.6%), Hopkinton (-9.5%), and Little Compton (-7.8%).

Employment and Wages in Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting

	Annual Average Employment				Annual Average Wage			
	2002-2003				2002-2003			
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
RHODE ISLAND	756	760	4	0.5%	\$22,751	\$24,608	\$1,857	8.2%
Barrington	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Bristol	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Burrillville	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Central Falls	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charlestown	*	2	*	*	*	\$6,211	*	*
Coventry	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cranston	26	29	3	11.5%	\$23,012	\$22,252	-\$759	-3.3%
Cumberland	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
East Greenwich	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
East Providence	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exeter	94	88	-6	-6.4%	\$17,162	\$16,762	-\$401	-2.3%
Foster	21	22	1	4.8%	\$16,880	\$16,736	-\$144	-0.9%
Glocester	8	3	-5	-62.5%	\$10,700	\$5,673	-\$5,026	-47.0%
Hopkinton	13	12	-1	-7.7%	\$22,433	\$20,308	-\$2,125	-9.5%
Jamestown	*	6	*	*	*	\$23,412	*	*
Johnston	18	21	3	16.7%	\$13,037	\$11,789	-\$1,248	-9.6%
Lincoln	0	*	*	*	-	*	*	*
Little Compton	35	31	-4	-11.4%	\$17,603	\$16,224	-\$1,378	-7.8%
Middletown	76	72	-4	-5.3%	\$28,063	\$29,683	\$1,620	5.8%
Narragansett	32	28	-4	-12.5%	\$29,507	\$29,862	\$355	1.2%
Newport	51	47	-4	-7.8%	\$37,398	\$46,790	\$9,392	25.1%
New Shoreham	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
North Kingstown	41	41	-	-	\$28,990	\$44,756	\$15,767	54.4%
North Providence	0	0	-	*	-	-	-	-
North Smithfield	*	16	*	*	*	\$11,860	*	*
Pawtucket	*	0	*	*	*	-	*	*
Portsmouth	77	56	-21	-27.3%	\$17,263	\$19,731	\$2,468	14.3%
Providence	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Richmond	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Scituate	12	14	2	16.7%	\$13,802	\$17,096	\$3,294	23.9%
Smithfield	6	6	-	-	\$13,042	\$15,614	\$2,573	19.7%
South Kingstown	92	121	29	31.5%	\$29,034	\$30,671	\$1,636	5.6%
Tiverton	28	41	13	46.4%	\$17,658	\$13,133	-\$4,525	-25.6%
Warren	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Warwick	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Westerly	*	10	*	*	*	\$16,281	*	*
West Greenwich	*	3	*	*	*	\$11,348	*	*
West Warwick	*	0	*	*	*	-	*	*
Woonsocket	0	*	*	*	-	*	*	*

Construction

Rhode Island's Construction industries, which include the construction of buildings, heavy and civil engineering construction, and specialty trade contractors, combined to employ 20,789 people in 2003, nearly 1,500 more jobs than reported in the previous year. This 7.6 percent growth in employment was the second largest percentage gain in the private sector, trailing Management of Companies & Enterprises (+18.5%). By 2003, Construction jobs accounted for more than five percent of all private sector employment in the Ocean State.



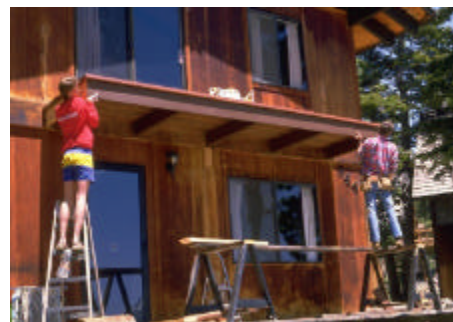
In 2003, the highest levels of Construction employment were reported in the state's most populated communities. Providence led the way, hosting more than 3,000 Construction jobs, followed by Warwick (1,942), Cranston (1,723), East Providence (1,317), and Pawtucket (1,173). Smithfield (857), Johnston (806), Cumberland (739), Portsmouth (633), and Coventry (626) also had a significant number of industry sector jobs. More sparsely populated communities, such as Foster (55), Richmond (61), Jamestown (73), and New Shoreham (80) reported the lowest levels of Construction employment in the state.

Between 2002 and 2003, more than 200 Construction jobs were added in both Providence (+214) and East Providence (+205). Notable job growth was also reported in West Greenwich (+141), which saw Construction employment more than double, as well as in Warwick (+99), Woonsocket (+98), and Middletown (+90). On a percentage basis, West Greenwich (+109.3%) experienced the greatest job growth, followed by Richmond (+52.5%), Woonsocket (+36.0%), Foster (+34.1%), and Middletown (+30.0%).

Ten communities reported job losses in Construction between 2002 and 2003, with the largest declines in Johnston (-124), Burrillville (-30), Smithfield (-18), Tiverton (-14), and Central Falls (-12). On a percentage basis, Johnston (-13.3%) and Burrillville (-13.2%) experienced notable declines in local industry sector employment, followed by Tiverton (-7.3%), Central Falls (-7.1%), and North Providence (-2.8%).

In 2003, Construction's annual average wage of \$43,469 was \$8,600 more than the state's private sector average. However, industry sector wage growth of 3.9 percent (+\$1,633) between 2002 and 2003 lagged behind the wage growth experienced throughout the Rhode Island economy (+4.9%) as a whole.

On the local level, above-average wages were paid in West Greenwich (\$61,208), Smithfield (\$52,934), East Providence (\$52,808), Providence (\$51,251), and East Greenwich (\$48,246). Between 2002 and 2003, annual average Construction wages grew by more than ten percent in four localities - West Greenwich (+31.7%), Charlestown (+18.1%), East Providence (+14.2%), West Warwick (+10.1%). Industry sector workers in Narragansett (+9.2%), Cumberland (+9.2%), and Portsmouth (+9.1%) also experienced significant growth in their average wage.



The lowest annual average Construction wages were paid in Foster (\$27,783), Warren (\$30,028), and Little Compton (\$30,784). These communities also saw industry sector average wages decline in 2003, by 7.4 percent, 3.5 percent, and 1.0 percent, respectively. Other notable annual average wage declines were experienced by Construction workers in Burrillville (-9.5%), Bristol (-8.0%), Johnston (-6.3%), Glocester (-5.5%), and Tiverton (-2.9%).

Employment and Wages in Construction

	Annual Average Employment				Annual Average Wage			
	2002-2003				2002-2003			
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
RHODE ISLAND	19,317	20,789	1,472	7.6%	\$41,836	\$43,469	\$1,633	3.9%
Barrington	196	204	8	4.1%	\$36,004	\$36,313	\$309	0.9%
Bristol	407	431	24	5.9%	\$38,035	\$35,006	-\$3,029	-8.0%
Burrillville	227	197	-30	-13.2%	\$37,504	\$33,954	-\$3,550	-9.5%
Central Falls	169	157	-12	-7.1%	\$35,362	\$37,108	\$1,746	4.9%
Charlestown	166	181	15	9.0%	\$35,788	\$42,251	\$6,464	18.1%
Coventry	553	626	73	13.2%	\$33,083	\$34,131	\$1,048	3.2%
Cranston	1,703	1,723	20	1.2%	\$44,375	\$45,795	\$1,421	3.2%
Cumberland	746	739	-7	-0.9%	\$37,441	\$40,872	\$3,431	9.2%
East Greenwich	335	357	22	6.6%	\$45,644	\$48,246	\$2,602	5.7%
East Providence	1,112	1,317	205	18.4%	\$46,252	\$52,808	\$6,556	14.2%
Exeter	75	90	15	20.0%	\$32,756	\$33,322	\$567	1.7%
Foster	41	55	14	34.1%	\$30,014	\$27,783	-\$2,231	-7.4%
Glocester	111	113	2	1.8%	\$33,794	\$31,942	-\$1,852	-5.5%
Hopkinton	147	143	-4	-2.7%	\$33,684	\$35,976	\$2,292	6.8%
Jamestown	70	73	3	4.3%	\$31,427	\$31,148	-\$280	-0.9%
Johnston	930	806	-124	-13.3%	\$40,675	\$38,113	-\$2,561	-6.3%
Lincoln	548	583	35	6.4%	\$41,944	\$44,241	\$2,297	5.5%
Little Compton	116	126	10	8.6%	\$31,107	\$30,784	-\$323	-1.0%
Middletown	300	390	90	30.0%	\$39,274	\$38,309	-\$964	-2.5%
Narragansett	132	140	8	6.1%	\$40,166	\$43,877	\$3,712	9.2%
Newport	444	520	76	17.1%	\$34,751	\$36,686	\$1,934	5.6%
New Shoreham	79	80	1	1.3%	\$41,136	\$41,357	\$221	0.5%
North Kingstown	374	364	-10	-2.7%	\$36,096	\$37,053	\$958	2.7%
North Providence	318	309	-9	-2.8%	\$36,319	\$37,357	\$1,037	2.9%
North Smithfield	320	322	2	0.6%	\$36,615	\$38,861	\$2,246	6.1%
Pawtucket	1,095	1,173	78	7.1%	\$44,305	\$45,847	\$1,542	3.5%
Portsmouth	593	633	40	6.7%	\$37,607	\$41,031	\$3,423	9.1%
Providence	2,834	3,048	214	7.6%	\$48,738	\$51,251	\$2,513	5.2%
Richmond	40	61	21	52.5%	\$31,375	\$31,312	-\$63	-0.2%
Scituate	131	140	9	6.9%	\$39,314	\$39,233	-\$81	-0.2%
Smithfield	875	857	-18	-2.1%	\$51,236	\$52,934	\$1,698	3.3%
South Kingstown	348	383	35	10.1%	\$35,800	\$35,848	\$48	0.1%
Tiverton	193	179	-14	-7.3%	\$33,988	\$32,999	-\$988	-2.9%
Warren	133	132	-1	-0.8%	\$31,121	\$30,028	-\$1,093	-3.5%
Warwick	1,843	1,942	99	5.4%	\$42,424	\$45,103	\$2,679	6.3%
Westerly	349	397	48	13.8%	\$36,524	\$37,644	\$1,120	3.1%
West Greenwich	129	270	141	109.3%	\$46,460	\$61,208	\$14,748	31.7%
West Warwick	300	310	10	3.3%	\$29,215	\$32,179	\$2,964	10.1%
Woonsocket	272	370	98	36.0%	\$33,545	\$35,385	\$1,841	5.5%

Manufacturing

Rhode Island's Manufacturing employers continued to shed jobs in 2003, as employment fell by 3,749 jobs, or 6.0 percent, statewide. Despite this decline, Manufacturing remains the second largest private industry sector in the Ocean State, employing 58,410 people. More than fourteen percent of all private sector workers in the state are employed in one of the many Manufacturing industries found in Rhode Island, including food manufacturing, textile mills, chemical manufacturing, fabricated metal product manufacturing, and jewelry manufacturing.

In 2003, Manufacturing employment was concentrated in Rhode Island's urban core - Providence (7,891), Pawtucket (6,887), Cranston (5,244), and Warwick (5,176). North Kingstown (4,128), East Providence (3,093), and Lincoln (2,682) also reported high levels of Manufacturing employment. In Portsmouth (2,107), this industry sector accounted for 40.2 percent of all local private sector jobs. Eight Ocean State communities had less than one hundred industry sector jobs in 2003, including Little Compton (48), Jamestown (29), Glocester (24), and Foster (16).

More than a dozen Ocean State communities reported industry sector job growth between 2002 and 2003, led by West Greenwich's (+442) expanding economy and population. This 67.6 percent growth in Manufacturing employment also represented the largest percentage increase in Rhode Island. Lincoln (+121), Cumberland (+86), Warren (+72), Middletown (+18), Bristol (+16), and Charlestown (+14) also reported increased Manufacturing employment during this period. Barrington's gain of eight industry sector jobs represented a 10.5 percent increase over the year, while Little Compton (+6.7%) and Warren (+6.4%) also reported notable percentage growth.



Despite these pockets of growth, Manufacturing employment is clearly on the decline in the majority of Rhode Island's communities. Between 2002 and 2003, more than 1,200 industry sector jobs were lost in Providence alone. Five other communities - Pawtucket (-638), East Providence (-595), Cranston (-495), Warwick (-384), and Woonsocket (-300) - combined to lose an additional 2,400 jobs during this period. Central Falls (-184), East Greenwich (-161), Johnston (-161), and North Providence (-114) also reported significant declines in local employment levels. For many communities, these annual losses translated into double-digit percentage declines. In East Providence, Manufacturing employment fell 16.1 percent, while in Woonsocket, industry sector jobs dropped by -15.7 percent. Central Falls (-15.4%), North Providence (-15.2%), Providence (-13.4%), and East Greenwich (-10.7%) also reported significant declines on a percentage basis.

On average, the state's Manufacturing workforce experienced a 2.8 percent (+\$1,082) increase in annual wages between 2002 and 2003. Industry sector workers in several communities were paid average wages well above the statewide average of \$39,166. The highest wages were paid to Manufacturing employees in West Greenwich (\$79,127), Portsmouth (\$66,548), New Shoreham (\$54,463), Coventry (\$49,897), and Middletown (\$49,229). Manufacturing firms in Little Compton (\$21,530), Tiverton (\$25,267), and Scituate (\$28,437) paid the lowest annual average wages in 2003.

In 2003, Manufacturing workers in South Kingstown (+19.4%), Woonsocket (+16.9%), and Newport (+15.4%) saw annual average wages grow at a much faster rate than the state (+2.8%) as a whole. Above-average wage growth was also reported in Portsmouth (+8.6%), Charlestown (+8.2%), Warren (+7.3%), Central Falls (+7.2%), and Cumberland (+7.1%). However, industry sector employees in many Rhode Island cities and towns saw their wages fall between 2002 and 2003. Providence's annual average wage in Manufacturing fell by nearly ten percent, followed by North Smithfield (-8.4%), Glocester (-7.8%), North Providence (-7.4%), and Barrington (-6.1%).

Employment and Wages in Manufacturing

	Annual Average Employment 2002-2003				Annual Average Wage 2002-2003			
	2002	2003	Change	% Change	2002	2003	Change	% Change
RHODE ISLAND	62,159	58,410	-3,749	-6.0%	\$38,084	\$39,166	\$1,082	2.8%
Barrington	76	84	8	10.5%	\$30,858	\$28,964	-\$1,894	-6.1%
Bristol	1,332	1,348	16	1.2%	\$34,033	\$34,927	\$895	2.6%
Burrillville	578	564	-14	-2.4%	\$39,046	\$38,774	-\$272	-0.7%
Central Falls	1,198	1,014	-184	-15.4%	\$32,962	\$35,333	\$2,371	7.2%
Charlestown	338	352	14	4.1%	\$36,627	\$39,643	\$3,016	8.2%
Coventry	992	941	-51	-5.1%	\$47,099	\$49,897	\$2,799	5.9%
Cranston	5,739	5,244	-495	-8.6%	\$36,763	\$38,553	\$1,790	4.9%
Cumberland	1,689	1,775	86	5.1%	\$31,860	\$34,108	\$2,248	7.1%
East Greenwich	1,509	1,348	-161	-10.7%	\$43,694	\$41,704	-\$1,990	-4.6%
East Providence	3,688	3,093	-595	-16.1%	\$39,328	\$40,209	\$881	2.2%
Exeter	145	152	7	4.8%	\$35,963	\$36,884	\$921	2.6%
Foster	20	16	-4	-20.0%	\$27,817	\$28,834	\$1,017	3.7%
Glocester	24	24	-	-	\$32,986	\$30,429	-\$2,557	-7.8%
Hopkinton	385	384	-1	-0.3%	\$36,047	\$35,548	-\$499	-1.4%
Jamestown	*	29	*	*	*	\$30,189	*	*
Johnston	1,790	1,629	-161	-9.0%	\$29,931	\$30,984	\$1,053	3.5%
Lincoln	2,561	2,682	121	4.7%	\$36,979	\$36,518	-\$461	-1.2%
Little Compton	45	48	3	6.7%	\$21,623	\$21,530	-\$93	-0.4%
Middletown	555	573	18	3.2%	\$51,092	\$49,229	-\$1,864	-3.6%
Narragansett	132	139	7	5.3%	\$40,997	\$40,675	-\$322	-0.8%
Newport	284	288	4	1.4%	\$28,879	\$33,334	\$4,455	15.4%
New Shoreham	*	5	*	*	*	\$54,463	*	*
North Kingstown	4,168	4,128	-40	-1.0%	\$43,774	\$45,679	\$1,905	4.4%
North Providence	748	634	-114	-15.2%	\$32,687	\$30,253	-\$2,434	-7.4%
North Smithfield	633	583	-50	-7.9%	\$38,053	\$34,849	-\$3,204	-8.4%
Pawtucket	7,525	6,887	-638	-8.5%	\$33,589	\$34,183	\$594	1.8%
Portsmouth	2,184	2,107	-77	-3.5%	\$61,254	\$66,548	\$5,294	8.6%
Providence	9,110	7,891	-1,219	-13.4%	\$34,392	\$31,057	-\$3,335	-9.7%
Richmond	202	210	8	4.0%	\$40,588	\$40,627	\$39	0.1%
Scituate	99	82	-17	-17.2%	\$29,853	\$28,437	-\$1,416	-4.7%
Smithfield	1,313	1,278	-35	-2.7%	\$36,970	\$38,069	\$1,100	3.0%
South Kingstown	876	822	-54	-6.2%	\$40,966	\$48,931	\$7,965	19.4%
Tiverton	75	77	2	2.7%	\$26,160	\$25,267	-\$893	-3.4%
Warren	1,123	1,195	72	6.4%	\$32,948	\$35,344	\$2,395	7.3%
Warwick	5,560	5,176	-384	-6.9%	\$38,136	\$38,683	\$547	1.4%
Westerly	837	844	7	0.8%	\$44,628	\$43,833	-\$796	-1.8%
West Greenwich	654	1,096	442	67.6%	\$80,121	\$79,127	-\$994	-1.2%
West Warwick	1,912	1,883	-29	-1.5%	\$38,717	\$40,126	\$1,409	3.6%
Woonsocket	1,908	1,608	-300	-15.7%	\$33,951	\$39,687	\$5,736	16.9%

Wholesale Trade

Wholesale Trade employment remained relatively unchanged between 2002 and 2003, adding just 80 jobs statewide, a 0.5 percent increase. Nearly half of all Wholesale Trade jobs in the state were concentrated in just four communities - Providence (2,571), East Providence (1,842), Warwick (1,831), and Cranston (1,606).



Smithfield (737), Pawtucket (661), and South Kingstown (634) also reported a high number of industry sector jobs. In 2003, less than a handful of Wholesale Trade jobs existed in Little Compton (4), followed by Glocester (9), Hopkinton (13), Foster (22), Jamestown (22), and Richmond (30).

Middletown's Wholesale Trade employers added 116 jobs to the local economy between 2002 and 2003, the most of any community. This growth translated into a 46.0 percent increase, the largest percentage gain reported by any locality. East Greenwich (+86), South Kingstown (+61), Smithfield (+49), and Cranston (+42) also saw industry sector employment rise during this period. Notable percentage growth in local Wholesale Trade jobs was reported in Richmond (+36.4%), East Greenwich (+25.0%), Narragansett (+13.9%), Portsmouth (+13.1%), and Charlestown (+11.4%).

During this period, many Ocean State communities reported declines in Wholesale Trade employment, led by the loss of 192 jobs in Johnston. Industry sector firms in Woonsocket (-99), Newport (-47), Burrillville (-41), North Kingstown (-32), and Coventry (-32) also trimmed payrolls in 2003. Burrillville's loss of 36.0 percent of its local Wholesale Trade workforce was the largest percentage decline in Rhode Island, followed by Glocester (-30.8%), Johnston (-29.5%), Foster (-29.0%), and Hopkinton (-27.8%).

Statewide, Wholesale Trade workers earned an annual average wage of \$49,713 in 2003, well above the private sector average of \$34,859. This was up 3.8 percent (+\$1,808) over the industry sector's average wage of \$47,905 one year earlier. Locally, the highest wages were paid to industry sector workers in Hopkinton (\$68,538), East Greenwich (\$66,686), Richmond (\$61,719), Warren (\$61,382), and South Kingstown (\$60,963). Significantly lower average wages were paid by Wholesale Trade firms in Little Compton (\$25,176), Exeter (\$29,753), Foster (\$32,425), Central Falls (\$34,224), Narragansett (\$38,026).

Woonsocket's Wholesale Trade workforce experienced the largest growth (+22.3%) in annual average wages during this period, followed by Pawtucket (+18.6%), Warren (+16.6%), South Kingstown (+15.1%), and Scituate (+14.3%). Several communities saw industry sector wages decline between 2002 and 2003. Johnston's Wholesale Trade employees saw annual average wages fall 14.5 percent over the year, while in Little Compton, they fell by 10.5 percent. Industry sector wages also shrunk in Foster (-8.7%), Burrillville (-7.3%), Narragansett (-5.3%), Charlestown (-4.1%), and Exeter (-3.4%).



Employment and Wages in Wholesale Trade

	Annual Average Employment 2002-2003				Annual Average Wage 2002-2003			
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
RHODE ISLAND	16,401	16,481	80	0.5%	\$47,905	\$49,713	\$1,808	3.8%
Barrington	82	87	5	6.1%	\$59,159	\$60,755	\$1,596	2.7%
Bristol	124	125	1	0.8%	\$51,151	\$54,747	\$3,596	7.0%
Burrillville	114	73	-41	-36.0%	\$63,258	\$58,652	-\$4,606	-7.3%
Central Falls	148	145	-3	-2.0%	\$31,571	\$34,224	\$2,653	8.4%
Charlestown	35	39	4	11.4%	\$46,935	\$45,017	-\$1,918	-4.1%
Coventry	252	220	-32	-12.7%	\$38,275	\$40,351	\$2,076	5.4%
Cranston	1,564	1,606	42	2.7%	\$46,968	\$47,047	\$78	0.2%
Cumberland	333	346	13	3.9%	\$49,428	\$49,661	\$233	0.5%
East Greenwich	344	430	86	25.0%	\$61,724	\$66,686	\$4,962	8.0%
East Providence	1,812	1,842	30	1.7%	\$46,160	\$45,766	-\$394	-0.9%
Exeter	60	56	-4	-6.7%	\$30,797	\$29,753	-\$1,044	-3.4%
Foster	31	22	-9	-29.0%	\$35,502	\$32,425	-\$3,077	-8.7%
Glocester	13	9	-4	-30.8%	\$37,940	\$41,421	\$3,480	9.2%
Hopkinton	18	13	-5	-27.8%	\$65,367	\$68,538	\$3,171	4.9%
Jamestown	25	22	-3	-12.0%	\$56,864	\$59,546	\$2,682	4.7%
Johnston	651	459	-192	-29.5%	\$49,573	\$42,389	-\$7,184	-14.5%
Lincoln	451	481	30	6.7%	\$47,910	\$50,292	\$2,382	5.0%
Little Compton	5	4	-1	-20.0%	\$28,121	\$25,176	-\$2,945	-10.5%
Middletown	252	368	116	46.0%	\$37,470	\$40,824	\$3,355	9.0%
Narragansett	108	123	15	13.9%	\$40,153	\$38,026	-\$2,127	-5.3%
Newport	210	163	-47	-22.4%	\$44,653	\$49,433	\$4,780	10.7%
New Shoreham	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
North Kingstown	371	339	-32	-8.6%	\$55,913	\$60,650	\$4,737	8.5%
North Providence	126	124	-2	-1.6%	\$49,342	\$50,802	\$1,460	3.0%
North Smithfield	200	177	-23	-11.5%	\$43,778	\$46,769	\$2,991	6.8%
Pawtucket	659	661	2	0.3%	\$37,082	\$43,996	\$6,914	18.6%
Portsmouth	84	95	11	13.1%	\$41,572	\$42,218	\$646	1.6%
Providence	2,541	2,571	30	1.2%	\$48,040	\$47,836	-\$204	-0.4%
Richmond	22	30	8	36.4%	\$60,088	\$61,719	\$1,630	2.7%
Scituate	38	39	1	2.6%	\$40,875	\$46,712	\$5,837	14.3%
Smithfield	688	737	49	7.1%	\$46,776	\$50,400	\$3,623	7.7%
South Kingstown	573	634	61	10.6%	\$52,965	\$60,963	\$7,998	15.1%
Tiverton	96	104	8	8.3%	\$36,733	\$40,431	\$3,698	10.1%
Warren	181	186	5	2.8%	\$52,631	\$61,382	\$8,751	16.6%
Warwick	1,818	1,831	13	0.7%	\$43,164	\$44,412	\$1,249	2.9%
Westerly	58	58	-	-	\$49,718	\$49,878	\$160	0.3%
West Greenwich	238	240	2	0.8%	\$57,981	\$59,618	\$1,637	2.8%
West Warwick	345	356	11	3.2%	\$39,221	\$41,668	\$2,447	6.2%
Woonsocket	369	270	-99	-26.8%	\$38,888	\$47,566	\$8,678	22.3%

Retail Trade

The Retail Trade industry sector, which includes automobile dealers, department stores, home centers, grocery stores, florists, and gasoline stations, is Rhode Island's third largest employer, behind Health Care & Social Assistance and Manufacturing. In 2003, just over 53,000 people worked for Retail Trade establishments throughout the state. This was virtually unchanged (+0.7%) from the industry sector's 2002 level of 52,699 jobs.

In 2003, forty percent of the state's Retail Trade workforce was concentrated in just three communities. Warwick, host to two malls and a variety of large shopping plazas along Route 2, had 8,839 Retail Trade workers. Providence, whose retail centerpiece is Providence Place, accounted for an additional 7,355 industry sector jobs, while Cranston's Retail Trade firms provided 4,976 jobs. Other significant levels of industry sector employment were reported in Pawtucket (2,257), Westerly (2,206), North Kingstown (2,179), Smithfield (2,155), and East Providence (2,137). Indicative of their smaller populations, Little Compton (18), Foster (21), West Greenwich (63), Exeter (78), and New Shoreham (90) reported the fewest Retail Trade jobs on a community basis.



Retail Trade employment grew by 758 jobs in Cranston between 2002 and 2003, the most of any community. Other notable gains were reported in Smithfield (+285), Warwick (+215), Westerly (+173), and Coventry (+87). On a percentage basis, Exeter's addition of 12 industry sector jobs translated into an 18.2 percent increase, while in Cranston, Retail Trade employment grew by 18.0 percent. Smithfield (+15.2%) and Charlestown (+11.0%) also reported notable percentage growth during this period.

In 2003, industry sector employment declined in more than half of the state's cities and towns. Providence's Retail Trade workforce shrunk by 292 jobs, followed by Lincoln (-168), North Kingstown (-115), Pawtucket (-105), and Middletown (-76). Little Compton's loss of seven Retail Trade jobs between 2002 and 2003 cut local industry sector employment by 28.0 percent, while in Foster, the loss of six jobs translated into a 22.2 percent decline. Lincoln (-16.2%), Warren (-11.9%), and Jamestown (-9.2%) also reported notable percentage declines in local Retail Trade employment.

The part-time nature of many Retail Trade jobs has kept the industry sector's annual average wage well below the private sector average. In 2003, Retail Trade workers earned \$23,829, more than \$11,000 below what was paid on average across the state's economy as a whole. This represented a 3.7 percent (+\$847) increase over the annual average wage paid to Retail Trade employees in 2002. The highest annual average wages in Retail Trade were paid by employers in East Greenwich (\$31,582), Lincoln (\$30,222), Tiverton (\$29,503), East Providence (\$27,695), and Middletown (\$27,240). Local businesses in Little Compton (\$16,492), Burrillville (\$16,559), Gloucester (\$16,897), Hopkinton (\$17,939), and Jamestown (\$18,149) paid average wages well below the industry average.



Between 2002 and 2003, above-average wage growth was reported in Foster (+39.3%), Little Compton (+26.5%), Lincoln (+17.9%), West Greenwich (+15.9%), and Richmond (+9.0%). Retail Trade workers in several communities saw their annual average wages fall during this period, including Exeter (-13.4%), New Shoreham (-6.2%), Barrington (-5.1%), Pawtucket (-1.3%), and Smithfield (-1.1%).

Employment and Wages in Retail Trade

	Annual Average Employment				Annual Average Wage			
	2002-2003				2002-2003			
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
RHODE ISLAND	52,699	53,064	365	0.7%	\$22,981	\$23,829	\$847	3.7%
Barrington	459	430	-29	-6.3%	\$19,534	\$18,533	-\$1,001	-5.1%
Bristol	696	685	-11	-1.6%	\$21,299	\$22,622	\$1,323	6.2%
Burrillville	162	157	-5	-3.1%	\$15,948	\$16,559	\$611	3.8%
Central Falls	319	321	2	0.6%	\$20,545	\$20,563	\$18	0.1%
Charlestown	146	162	16	11.0%	\$22,772	\$24,668	\$1,896	8.3%
Coventry	1,274	1,361	87	6.8%	\$21,531	\$22,746	\$1,215	5.6%
Cranston	4,218	4,976	758	18.0%	\$21,403	\$23,025	\$1,621	7.6%
Cumberland	1,069	1,101	32	3.0%	\$19,051	\$19,906	\$855	4.5%
East Greenwich	714	657	-57	-8.0%	\$29,373	\$31,582	\$2,209	7.5%
East Providence	2,187	2,137	-50	-2.3%	\$27,116	\$27,695	\$580	2.1%
Exeter	66	78	12	18.2%	\$21,478	\$18,605	-\$2,872	-13.4%
Foster	27	21	-6	-22.2%	\$14,176	\$19,743	\$5,567	39.3%
Glocester	201	208	7	3.5%	\$15,699	\$16,897	\$1,197	7.6%
Hopkinton	108	117	9	8.3%	\$16,569	\$17,939	\$1,370	8.3%
Jamestown	153	139	-14	-9.2%	\$17,855	\$18,149	\$293	1.6%
Johnston	1,456	1,482	26	1.8%	\$24,772	\$26,323	\$1,551	6.3%
Lincoln	1,040	872	-168	-16.2%	\$25,630	\$30,222	\$4,591	17.9%
Little Compton	25	18	-7	-28.0%	\$13,037	\$16,492	\$3,455	26.5%
Middletown	1,521	1,445	-76	-5.0%	\$27,338	\$27,240	-\$98	-0.4%
Narragansett	692	665	-27	-3.9%	\$19,957	\$21,241	\$1,284	6.4%
Newport	1,591	1,607	16	1.0%	\$20,484	\$20,656	\$171	0.8%
New Shoreham	85	90	5	5.9%	\$26,739	\$25,077	-\$1,662	-6.2%
North Kingstown	2,294	2,179	-115	-5.0%	\$24,794	\$26,669	\$1,874	7.6%
North Providence	1,218	1,206	-12	-1.0%	\$23,043	\$23,082	\$39	0.2%
North Smithfield	692	632	-60	-8.7%	\$24,952	\$25,777	\$825	3.3%
Pawtucket	2,362	2,257	-105	-4.4%	\$25,565	\$25,239	-\$326	-1.3%
Portsmouth	474	485	11	2.3%	\$21,005	\$22,208	\$1,204	5.7%
Providence	7,647	7,355	-292	-3.8%	\$21,635	\$22,441	\$806	3.7%
Richmond	389	355	-34	-8.7%	\$19,035	\$20,752	\$1,716	9.0%
Scituate	197	214	17	8.6%	\$19,366	\$19,817	\$451	2.3%
Smithfield	1,870	2,155	285	15.2%	\$21,864	\$21,629	-\$236	-1.1%
South Kingstown	1,368	1,364	-4	-0.3%	\$24,333	\$24,956	\$623	2.6%
Tiverton	601	609	8	1.3%	\$27,735	\$29,503	\$1,767	6.4%
Warren	320	282	-38	-11.9%	\$19,154	\$19,484	\$330	1.7%
Warwick	8,624	8,839	215	2.5%	\$21,309	\$22,861	\$1,552	7.3%
Westerly	2,033	2,206	173	8.5%	\$20,771	\$21,416	\$645	3.1%
West Greenwich	66	63	-3	-4.5%	\$16,182	\$18,747	\$2,565	15.9%
West Warwick	1,314	1,290	-24	-1.8%	\$25,785	\$26,303	\$518	2.0%
Woonsocket	2,074	2,055	-19	-0.9%	\$22,412	\$22,361	-\$51	-0.2%

Transportation & Warehousing

In 2003, Rhode Island's Transportation & Warehousing firms employed 9,473 people, a 2.2 percent (+204) increase over the 2002 level. Businesses engaged in passenger and freight air transportation, deep sea and inland water transportation, freight trucking, school and employee bus transportation, taxi services, motor vehicle towing, and warehousing and storage services are all included within this industry sector.



By a substantial margin, Warwick (2,527) had more private sector Transportation & Warehousing employees than any other community in 2003. Providence (780), Woonsocket (770), Cranston (717), Cumberland (499), and Pawtucket (423) also reported significant levels of industry sector jobs. Jamestown (4), New Shoreham (10), Burrillville (10), Foster (28), and Westerly (33) had the fewest number of Transportation & Warehousing workers during that year.

Between 2002 and 2003, Transportation & Warehousing firms in North Kingstown (+122) and Warren (+120) added more than one hundred jobs to their local economies, followed by Warwick (+99), Cranston (+38), and Narragansett (+31). On a percentage basis, the largest over-the-year gains were reported in Central Falls (+63.6%), North Kingstown (+56.2%), Warren (+49.6%), East Greenwich (+44.4%), and Narragansett (+32.3%).

Ten Ocean State communities saw industry sector employment decline in 2003. Providence's Transportation & Warehousing firms trimmed their payrolls by 132 jobs, followed by Pawtucket (-89), West Warwick (-35), Westerly (-14), and Cumberland (-13). Westerly's job losses resulted in a 29.8 percent decline in local industry sector employment. Pawtucket (-17.4%) and Providence (-14.5%) also reported notable declines on a percentage basis.

Statewide, Transportation & Warehousing workers earned an annual average wage of \$30,812 in 2003. This represented a 3.3 percent (+\$987) increase over the industry sector's 2002 average wage. However, despite this increase, Transportation & Warehousing firms paid their workers roughly \$4,000 less than the average wage paid throughout the private sector as a whole.

In 2003, Burrillville's ten Transportation & Warehousing workers earned the highest annual average wage in the state, at \$53,601. The next highest wages were paid to industry sector workers in West Greenwich (\$40,513), Cumberland (\$39,216), Pawtucket (\$38,729), and Cranston (\$37,679). Transportation & Warehousing employees in many Ocean State communities were paid wages well below the industry sector average, including Middletown (\$10,549), Foster (\$11,273), Portsmouth (\$14,787), Central Falls (\$15,797), and South Kingstown (\$16,330).



Between 2002 and 2003, above-average wage growth for Transportation & Warehousing employees was reported in East Greenwich (+67.9%), Westerly (+20.4%), Pawtucket (+20.2%), North Smithfield (+19.8%), and West Greenwich (+17.6%). Industry sector wages shrunk in several communities, most notably in Central Falls (-20.3%), East Providence (-18.4%), Narragansett (-18.1%), Warren (-14.6%), and Tiverton (-11.2%).

Employment and Wages in Transportation & Warehousing

	Annual Average Employment				Annual Average Wage			
	2002-2003				2002-2003			
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
RHODE ISLAND	9,269	9,473	204	2.2%	\$29,825	\$30,812	\$987	3.3%
Barrington	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Bristol	38	40	2	5.3%	\$31,086	\$29,672	-\$1,413	-4.5%
Burrillville	*	10	*	*	*	\$53,601	*	*
Central Falls	33	54	21	63.6%	\$19,812	\$15,797	-\$4,015	-20.3%
Charlestown	109	118	9	8.3%	\$15,941	\$16,993	\$1,052	6.6%
Coventry	144	143	-1	-0.7%	\$23,304	\$22,917	-\$386	-1.7%
Cranston	679	717	38	5.6%	\$36,166	\$37,679	\$1,513	4.2%
Cumberland	512	499	-13	-2.5%	\$39,441	\$39,216	-\$225	-0.6%
East Greenwich	54	78	24	44.4%	\$13,093	\$21,981	\$8,888	67.9%
East Providence	109	105	-4	-3.7%	\$35,511	\$28,982	-\$6,529	-18.4%
Exeter	*	67	*	*	*	\$22,581	*	*
Foster	*	28	*	*	*	\$11,273	*	*
Glocester	59	76	17	28.8%	\$24,219	\$26,455	\$2,236	9.2%
Hopkinton	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Jamestown	*	4	*	*	*	\$34,854	*	*
Johnston	193	213	20	10.4%	\$28,943	\$28,599	-\$344	-1.2%
Lincoln	302	319	17	5.6%	\$32,801	\$34,753	\$1,953	6.0%
Little Compton	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Middletown	62	63	1	1.6%	\$10,493	\$10,549	\$56	0.5%
Narragansett	96	127	31	32.3%	\$27,962	\$22,889	-\$5,073	-18.1%
Newport	262	254	-8	-3.1%	\$20,073	\$21,767	\$1,693	8.4%
New Shoreham	*	10	*	*	*	\$18,029	*	*
North Kingstown	217	339	122	56.2%	\$27,748	\$26,963	-\$785	-2.8%
North Providence	147	156	9	6.1%	\$21,806	\$22,340	\$534	2.4%
North Smithfield	162	154	-8	-4.9%	\$26,040	\$31,192	\$5,152	19.8%
Pawtucket	512	423	-89	-17.4%	\$32,209	\$38,729	\$6,520	20.2%
Portsmouth	51	59	8	15.7%	\$14,251	\$14,787	\$537	3.8%
Providence	912	780	-132	-14.5%	\$31,048	\$34,960	\$3,912	12.6%
Richmond	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Scituate	46	53	7	15.2%	\$28,137	\$28,064	-\$73	-0.3%
Smithfield	122	132	10	8.2%	\$33,513	\$33,673	\$160	0.5%
South Kingstown	101	102	1	1.0%	\$15,075	\$16,330	\$1,254	8.3%
Tiverton	61	60	-1	-1.6%	\$28,009	\$24,885	-\$3,124	-11.2%
Warren	242	362	120	49.6%	\$24,883	\$21,242	-\$3,641	-14.6%
Warwick	2,428	2,527	99	4.1%	\$30,412	\$30,724	\$311	1.0%
Westerly	47	33	-14	-29.8%	\$19,631	\$23,639	\$4,009	20.4%
West Greenwich	159	169	10	6.3%	\$34,453	\$40,513	\$6,060	17.6%
West Warwick	383	348	-35	-9.1%	\$33,112	\$35,792	\$2,680	8.1%
Woonsocket	741	770	29	3.9%	\$27,410	\$28,534	\$1,124	4.1%

Information

Rhode Island's Information industry sector, which includes newspaper publishers, radio and television broadcasting, Internet service providers, cable program distribution, and wireless telecommunications carriers, employed 11,004 people in 2003. Over the year, more than 100 Information jobs (-1.1%) were lost throughout the state, one of only three industry sectors (including Manufacturing and Administrative & Waste Services) to report an employment decline between 2002 and 2003.

In 2003, more than a third of the state's Information workforce was located in Providence (4,084). Cranston (1,392), Pawtucket (1,043), West Warwick (618), and Warwick (591) also reported notable levels of industry sector jobs. The communities of Tiverton (3), Narragansett (7), and West Greenwich (8) reported only a handful of local Information jobs. Central Falls was the only Ocean State community to report no employment in this industry sector in 2003.

Several communities reported job gains in Information between 2002 and 2003, led by Cranston's addition of 276 jobs. This represented a 24.7 percent increase in local industry sector employment. Information firms in West Warwick (+61), North Kingstown (+14), Johnston (+8), and Portsmouth (+8) also reported job growth, although at much lower levels.

Despite these increases, most localities in the state reported job losses in Information. Providence saw industry sector employment fall by 141 jobs in 2003, followed by Warwick (-82), Pawtucket (-41), Glocester (-28), and Smithfield (-20). Private sector Information employment in Glocester was cut in half (-56.0%) during this period, while East Greenwich (-18.6%), Barrington (-17.6%), and Smithfield (-13.5%) also reported notable percentage declines in industry sector employment levels.

In 2003, Information's annual average wage was one of the highest in the state, at \$52,770. This represented an 8.8 percent (+\$4,270) increase over the 2002 average of \$48,500, a growth rate much higher than experienced throughout the private sector (+4.9%) as a whole. Industry sector employers in Middletown (\$86,158), Johnston (\$83,243), and Portsmouth (\$62,235) offered the highest annual average wages in Rhode Island, followed by Providence (\$58,377), East Greenwich (\$57,299), and Narragansett (\$55,103). Annual wages well below the industry sector average were paid in Foster (\$17,680), Burrillville (\$18,566), Hopkinton (\$18,875), Glocester (\$19,988), and Cumberland (\$21,559).



Several communities reported a substantial growth in annual average wages paid by local industry sector employers. Information workers in West Greenwich saw wages grow by 59.4 percent on average, followed by North Providence (+53.8%), North Smithfield (+35.4%), East Greenwich (+30.2%), Johnston (+26.9%), and Scituate (+26.2%). Declining wages were reported in nine Ocean State localities, led by Glocester (-33.3%), Narragansett (-19.5%), Barrington (-14.7%), Coventry (-12.3%), and Foster (-11.9%).

Employment and Wages in Information

	Annual Average Employment				Annual Average Wage			
	2002-2003				2002-2003			
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
RHODE ISLAND	11,127	11,004	-123	-1.1%	\$48,500	\$52,770	\$4,270	8.8%
Barrington	17	14	-3	-17.6%	\$55,693	\$47,512	-\$8,181	-14.7%
Bristol	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Burrillville	*	18	*	*	*	\$18,566	*	*
Central Falls	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charlestown	16	14	-2	-12.5%	\$21,379	\$21,769	\$389	1.8%
Coventry	15	14	-1	-6.7%	\$35,667	\$31,275	-\$4,392	-12.3%
Cranston	1,116	1,392	276	24.7%	\$48,865	\$47,006	-\$1,859	-3.8%
Cumberland	69	61	-8	-11.6%	\$24,238	\$21,559	-\$2,678	-11.1%
East Greenwich	59	48	-11	-18.6%	\$44,025	\$57,299	\$13,274	30.2%
East Providence	507	514	7	1.4%	\$50,365	\$53,745	\$3,380	6.7%
Exeter	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Foster	16	15	-1	-6.3%	\$20,071	\$17,680	-\$2,391	-11.9%
Glocester	50	22	-28	-56.0%	\$29,972	\$19,988	-\$9,985	-33.3%
Hopkinton	16	14	-2	-12.5%	\$16,899	\$18,875	\$1,976	11.7%
Jamestown	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Johnston	482	490	8	1.7%	\$65,595	\$83,243	\$17,648	26.9%
Lincoln	324	305	-19	-5.9%	\$45,237	\$48,060	\$2,823	6.2%
Little Compton	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Middletown	296	280	-16	-5.4%	\$82,674	\$86,158	\$3,484	4.2%
Narragansett	5	7	2	40.0%	\$68,446	\$55,103	-\$13,343	-19.5%
Newport	273	275	2	0.7%	\$37,645	\$39,248	\$1,604	4.3%
New Shoreham	14	17	3	21.4%	\$32,433	\$31,791	-\$642	-2.0%
North Kingstown	127	141	14	11.0%	\$44,892	\$46,512	\$1,621	3.6%
North Providence	31	28	-3	-9.7%	\$33,822	\$52,012	\$18,190	53.8%
North Smithfield	23	29	6	26.1%	\$19,454	\$26,340	\$6,887	35.4%
Pawtucket	1,084	1,043	-41	-3.8%	\$40,140	\$42,945	\$2,805	7.0%
Portsmouth	56	64	8	14.3%	\$56,247	\$62,235	\$5,987	10.6%
Providence	4,225	4,084	-141	-3.3%	\$52,431	\$58,377	\$5,947	11.3%
Richmond	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Scituate	32	32	-	-	\$18,538	\$23,387	\$4,849	26.2%
Smithfield	148	128	-20	-13.5%	\$31,338	\$34,056	\$2,718	8.7%
South Kingstown	167	157	-10	-6.0%	\$43,296	\$46,765	\$3,470	8.0%
Tiverton	3	3	-	-	\$54,159	\$48,004	-\$6,155	-11.4%
Warren	48	46	-2	-4.2%	\$20,270	\$23,843	\$3,573	17.6%
Warwick	673	591	-82	-12.2%	\$43,238	\$48,362	\$5,125	11.9%
Westerly	237	238	1	0.4%	\$41,670	\$43,542	\$1,872	4.5%
West Greenwich	9	8	-1	-11.1%	\$34,160	\$54,444	\$20,284	59.4%
West Warwick	557	618	61	11.0%	\$39,472	\$43,332	\$3,861	9.8%
Woonsocket	55	50	-5	-9.1%	\$39,575	\$43,981	\$4,406	11.1%

Finance & Insurance

Rhode Island's Finance & Insurance industry sector, which includes banks and credit unions, mortgage brokers, securities brokerages, and insurance agencies, accounted for 6.2 percent of total private sector employment in 2003. During that year, nearly 25,400 people worked for Finance & Insurance businesses in the Ocean State, a 1.9 percent (+466) increase over the industry sector's 2002 employment level.

In 2003, Finance & Insurance establishments accounted for more than 6,700 jobs in Providence, more than double the number of industry sector jobs in Lincoln (3,004). However, Lincoln reported the second highest level of Finance & Insurance employment in the state, passing Warwick (2,891) between 2002 and 2003. In fact, Finance & Insurance firms now account for a quarter of total private sector employment in Lincoln. East Providence (2,482), Smithfield (1,631), and Cranston (1,275) also reported significant levels of industry sector employment. The lowest levels of industry sector employment were reported in Hopkinton (3), Jamestown (15), Scituate (23), Glocester (25), and Charlestown (29). Two communities - Exeter and Foster - reported no Finance & Insurance employment in 2003.



Industry sector job growth was reported in many Ocean State communities between 2002 and 2003. Finance & Insurance firms in Cranston (+289), Lincoln (+228), Pawtucket (+196), East Providence (+147), and Johnston (+143) all expanded their payrolls during this period. Smaller job gains occurred in North Kingstown (+69), East Greenwich (+43), and Cumberland (+42). On a percentage basis, Barrington experienced a 64.6 percent increase in local Finance & Insurance employment, followed by North Kingstown (+30.8%), Cumberland (+29.6%), Cranston (+29.3%), and Central Falls (+27.7%).

Several localities reported job losses during this period, led by declines in Westerly (-219). This translated into a 41.5 percent decline in local Finance & Insurance employment. Smithfield (-117) and Middletown (-71) also experienced notable industry sector job losses in 2003.

It is important to note that West Warwick's 600 job increase in the Finance & Insurance industry sector is the result of a non-economic code change that shifted employment from neighboring Warwick. As a result, the job growth in West Warwick and subsequent job losses in Warwick between 2002 and 2003 should not be viewed as an indicator of real employment growth or decline for the state as a whole.

Throughout the state, Finance & Insurance personnel earned an annual average wage of \$53,885 in 2003. This was the second highest wage paid on an industry sector basis, trailing Management of Companies & Enterprises (\$83,801). Over the year, average industry sector wages grew by 5.2 percent (+\$2,642), slightly higher than the 4.9 percent increase experienced throughout the private sector as a whole.

By a wide margin, West Greenwich's thirty-one Finance & Insurance workers earned the highest annual average wage in the state (\$93,866), followed by Johnston (\$69,213), Smithfield (\$68,161), Providence (\$65,091), and Hopkinton (\$63,495). Industry sector employers in Scituate (\$29,790), Coventry (\$31,156), Central Falls (\$31,611), Bristol (\$34,401), and Tiverton (\$34,651) generally paid their workers below-average annual wages.

In 2003, above-average wage growth was reported in numerous communities, including Portsmouth (+21.9%), Cranston (+19.2%), Central Falls (+15.5%), Cumberland (+14.7%), and Richmond (+14.0%). Finance & Insurance workers in several cities and towns saw annual average wages fall between 2002 and 2003, including Westerly (-15.9%), Glocester (-12.7%), Charlestown (-11.5%), and Scituate (-9.6%).

Employment and Wages in Finance & Insurance

	Annual Average Employment				Annual Average Wage			
	2002-2003				2002-2003			
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
RHODE ISLAND	24,929	25,395	466	1.9%	\$51,243	\$53,885	\$2,642	5.2%
Barrington	48	79	31	64.6%	\$48,698	\$47,557	-\$1,141	-2.3%
Bristol	107	134	27	25.2%	\$34,388	\$34,401	\$14	0.0%
Burrillville	*	34	*	*	*	\$39,347	*	*
Central Falls	83	106	23	27.7%	\$27,369	\$31,611	\$4,243	15.5%
Charlestown	25	29	4	16.0%	\$52,030	\$46,064	-\$5,966	-11.5%
Coventry	144	166	22	15.3%	\$30,152	\$31,156	\$1,004	3.3%
Cranston	986	1,275	289	29.3%	\$45,897	\$54,693	\$8,797	19.2%
Cumberland	142	184	42	29.6%	\$37,144	\$42,591	\$5,448	14.7%
East Greenwich	466	509	43	9.2%	\$49,632	\$50,039	\$407	0.8%
East Providence	2,335	2,482	147	6.3%	\$41,873	\$41,239	-\$633	-1.5%
Exeter	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Foster	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Glocester	24	25	1	4.2%	\$62,066	\$54,208	-\$7,857	-12.7%
Hopkinton	*	3	*	*	*	\$63,495	*	*
Jamestown	16	15	-1	-6.3%	\$54,337	\$56,905	\$2,567	4.7%
Johnston	978	1,121	143	14.6%	\$64,164	\$69,213	\$5,049	7.9%
Lincoln	2,776	3,004	228	8.2%	\$47,421	\$46,754	-\$667	-1.4%
Little Compton	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Middletown	486	415	-71	-14.6%	\$49,555	\$55,880	\$6,325	12.8%
Narragansett	46	47	1	2.2%	\$46,560	\$51,148	\$4,588	9.9%
Newport	195	187	-8	-4.1%	\$37,930	\$40,895	\$2,965	7.8%
New Shoreham	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
North Kingstown	224	293	69	30.8%	\$62,782	\$61,411	-\$1,371	-2.2%
North Providence	346	378	32	9.2%	\$40,404	\$42,576	\$2,172	5.4%
North Smithfield	85	91	6	7.1%	\$43,714	\$46,177	\$2,463	5.6%
Pawtucket	906	1,102	196	21.6%	\$35,932	\$35,549	-\$383	-1.1%
Portsmouth	86	95	9	10.5%	\$45,887	\$55,949	\$10,061	21.9%
Providence	6,714	6,720	6	0.1%	\$62,035	\$65,091	\$3,056	4.9%
Richmond	48	53	5	10.4%	\$41,878	\$47,755	\$5,877	14.0%
Scituate	20	23	3	15.0%	\$32,962	\$29,790	-\$3,172	-9.6%
Smithfield	1,748	1,631	-117	-6.7%	\$62,947	\$68,161	\$5,214	8.3%
South Kingstown	195	234	39	20.0%	\$43,482	\$48,154	\$4,672	10.7%
Tiverton	46	44	-2	-4.3%	\$33,035	\$34,651	\$1,616	4.9%
Warren	92	100	8	8.7%	\$42,530	\$47,642	\$5,113	12.0%
Warwick	3,214	2,891	-323	-10.0%	\$45,478	\$51,530	\$6,052	13.3%
Westerly	528	309	-219	-41.5%	\$47,105	\$39,622	-\$7,483	-15.9%
West Greenwich	*	31	*	*	*	\$93,866	*	*
West Warwick	422	1,025	603	142.9%	\$46,911	\$40,107	-\$6,804	-14.5%
Woonsocket	245	275	30	12.2%	\$41,149	\$44,559	\$3,410	8.3%

Real Estate & Rental & Leasing

Just over 6,300 people worked in Rhode Island's Real Estate & Rental & Leasing establishments in 2003, a 2.9 percent (+180) increase over the 2002 employment level. This industry sector includes real estate agents and brokers, property managers, car rental services, and industrial machinery leasing firms.

In 2003, more than half of the state's Real Estate & Rental & Leasing jobs were concentrated in three cities - Providence (1,438), Warwick (1,362), and Cranston (598). Notable levels of industry sector employment were also reported in Pawtucket (350), Newport (321), East Providence (238), Johnston (231), Woonsocket (138), Westerly (121), and Cumberland (107).

The lowest levels of Real Estate & Rental & Leasing employment were found in Rhode Island's more rural communities. In 2003, Glocester (3), Exeter (6), Little Compton (9), Scituate (11), Hopkinton (12), and Richmond (13) reported the fewest industry sector jobs in the state.

Real Estate & Rental & Leasing firms in Warwick (+150), Newport (+98), Cranston (+74), East Providence (+35), and Pawtucket (+28) all increased local employment levels between 2002 and 2003. On a percentage basis, the 26 industry sector jobs added in West Greenwich more than doubled (+173%) that community's Real Estate & Rental & Leasing employment level. Newport (+43.9%) also reported above-average growth, while smaller numerical gains in Scituate (+37.5%) and Jamestown (+33.3%) resulted in notable percentage growth for those communities.



A dozen Ocean State localities reported job losses in Real Estate & Rental & Leasing between 2002 and 2003, with the largest decreases occurring in Woonsocket (-166) and East Greenwich (-57). As a result, Real Estate & Rental & Leasing firms in these communities trimmed their employment levels by 54.6 percent and 43.8 percent, respectively.

On average, Real Estate & Rental & Leasing businesses paid their workers \$33,240 annually. This was a 6.6 percent (+\$2,063) increase over the industry sector's 2002 annual average wage of \$31,178. It is important to note that in 2003, the annual average wage in Real Estate & Rental & Leasing was below the average wage paid throughout the private sector (\$34,859) as a whole.

Exeter's handful of Real Estate & Rental & Leasing employees earned an annual average wage of \$108,317 in 2003, by far the highest wage reported in Rhode Island. The next highest wage, paid in Charlestown (\$53,729), was half of that reported in Exeter. Above-average wages in this industry sector were also paid in Providence (\$41,096), Pawtucket (\$39,257), Smithfield (\$38,694), and West Greenwich (\$37,517). Richmond's Real Estate & Rental & Leasing establishments paid the lowest annual average wage (\$13,581), followed by Glocester (\$18,224), Westerly (\$19,249), Portsmouth (\$19,738), and North Smithfield (\$21,727).

Between 2002 and 2003, wage growth in Real Estate & Rental & Leasing was most pronounced in West Greenwich (+40.1%), Hopkinton (+36.2%), Charlestown (+25.2%), Newport (+21.3%), and Warren (+18.8%). Industry sector workers in a dozen Ocean State localities experienced a decline in annual wages. In Lincoln, the average Real Estate & Rental & Leasing wage was nearly cut in half (-46.0%) during this period, while in Scituate, the annual average wage fell by 44.4 percent. Exeter (-13.7%), North Smithfield (-9.5%), and New Shoreham (-8.7%) also reported declining industry sector wages in 2003.

Employment and Wages in Real Estate & Rental & Leasing

	Annual Average Employment				Annual Average Wage			
	2002-2003				2002-2003			
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
RHODE ISLAND	6,126	6,306	180	2.9%	\$31,178	\$33,240	\$2,063	6.6%
Barrington	33	38	5	15.2%	\$25,337	\$24,798	-\$539	-2.1%
Bristol	65	80	15	23.1%	\$22,497	\$24,571	\$2,074	9.2%
Burrillville	16	20	4	25.0%	\$19,311	\$22,568	\$3,258	16.9%
Central Falls	51	52	1	2.0%	\$27,330	\$26,855	-\$475	-1.7%
Charlestown	24	22	-2	-8.3%	\$42,901	\$53,729	\$10,828	25.2%
Coventry	64	64	-	-	\$24,787	\$26,516	\$1,729	7.0%
Cranston	524	598	74	14.1%	\$26,884	\$27,765	\$882	3.3%
Cumberland	89	107	18	20.2%	\$27,126	\$29,187	\$2,062	7.6%
East Greenwich	130	73	-57	-43.8%	\$26,089	\$27,225	\$1,135	4.4%
East Providence	203	238	35	17.2%	\$29,322	\$32,197	\$2,876	9.8%
Exeter	5	6	1	20.0%	\$125,550	\$108,317	-\$17,233	-13.7%
Foster	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Glocester	0	3	3	-	-	\$18,224	-	-
Hopkinton	20	12	-8	-40.0%	\$24,195	\$32,951	\$8,756	36.2%
Jamestown	12	16	4	33.3%	\$23,328	\$26,312	\$2,983	12.8%
Johnston	213	231	18	8.5%	\$28,412	\$27,531	-\$881	-3.1%
Lincoln	46	37	-9	-19.6%	\$58,396	\$31,548	-\$26,848	-46.0%
Little Compton	9	9	-	-	\$34,261	\$34,540	\$279	0.8%
Middletown	100	99	-1	-1.0%	\$25,758	\$27,965	\$2,207	8.6%
Narragansett	68	75	7	10.3%	\$26,601	\$29,983	\$3,382	12.7%
Newport	223	321	98	43.9%	\$28,719	\$34,823	\$6,104	21.3%
New Shoreham	24	24	-	-	\$32,228	\$29,414	-\$2,814	-8.7%
North Kingstown	74	87	13	17.6%	\$23,678	\$22,235	-\$1,443	-6.1%
North Providence	72	82	10	13.9%	\$22,421	\$23,492	\$1,071	4.8%
North Smithfield	24	24	-	-	\$23,998	\$21,727	-\$2,270	-9.5%
Pawtucket	322	350	28	8.7%	\$34,402	\$39,257	\$4,855	14.1%
Portsmouth	99	96	-3	-3.0%	\$18,613	\$19,738	\$1,125	6.0%
Providence	1,443	1,438	-5	-0.3%	\$36,842	\$41,096	\$4,254	11.5%
Richmond	*	13	*	*	*	\$13,581	*	*
Scituate	8	11	3	37.5%	\$48,886	\$27,162	-\$21,724	-44.4%
Smithfield	93	87	-6	-6.5%	\$40,158	\$38,694	-\$1,464	-3.6%
South Kingstown	96	88	-8	-8.3%	\$28,191	\$31,221	\$3,029	10.7%
Tiverton	23	25	2	8.7%	\$32,416	\$30,082	-\$2,334	-7.2%
Warren	24	23	-1	-4.2%	\$21,896	\$26,002	\$4,106	18.8%
Warwick	1,212	1,362	150	12.4%	\$31,344	\$32,749	\$1,405	4.5%
Westerly	126	121	-5	-4.0%	\$19,262	\$19,249	-\$13	-0.1%
West Greenwich	15	41	26	173.3%	\$26,773	\$37,517	\$10,743	40.1%
West Warwick	65	65	-	-	\$22,568	\$23,949	\$1,381	6.1%
Woonsocket	304	138	-166	-54.6%	\$33,741	\$35,581	\$1,840	5.5%

Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services

In 2003, 19,297 people were employed by Rhode Island's Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services businesses. This industry sector includes a variety of establishments, such as lawyers, accounting and payroll services, tax preparation services, architectural services, graphic design services, computer systems design and programming services, advertising and marketing agencies, and veterinary services. Between 2002 and 2003, 370 industry sector jobs were added throughout the state, a 2.0 percent increase.



Just under a third of Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services jobs in the Ocean State were located in Providence (6,080). Other localities reporting notable levels of industry sector employment in 2003 included Middletown (1,587), Warwick (1,523), East Providence (1,399), Cranston (1,303), and West Greenwich (1,005). Glocester (7), Central Falls (9), Little Compton (11), New Shoreham (11), Foster (20), and Richmond (20) had the fewest number of Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services jobs on a community basis.

Between 2002 and 2003, the largest job gains occurred in Middletown (+137), Warwick (+90), Providence (+78), Johnston (+48), and West Greenwich (+46). Nearly a dozen communities added less than ten industry sector jobs during this period. Glocester's addition of 2 jobs translated into a 40.0 percent increase, while Scituate's Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services workforce grew by 27.7 percent. Exeter (+25.8%), Charlestown (+20.7%), and Johnston (+20.2%) also reported notable percentage growth in industry sector employment.

As for job losses, Cranston's Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services firms trimmed their payrolls by 24 jobs, followed by East Greenwich (-21), North Providence (-12), Barrington (-11), and Central Falls (-10). The latter saw industry sector employment cut in half (-52.6%), while substantial percentage declines were also reported in Little Compton (-45.0%), New Shoreham (-35.3%), and Hopkinton (-14.8%).

In 2003, Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services workers throughout the Ocean State earned an annual average wage of \$52,631, substantially higher than the private sector average of \$34,859. Over the year, industry sector wages increased by 5.0 percent, a \$2,500 gain.

Similar to other industry sectors, such as Construction, Manufacturing, and Finance & Insurance, the highest annual average wage in Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services was paid to workers in West Greenwich (\$111,325). Above-average wages were also paid in Hopkinton (\$59,993), Middletown (\$59,538), West Warwick (\$56,159), Providence (\$54,719), Newport (\$53,313), and Lincoln (\$52,665). The lowest industry sector wages reported in 2003 were in Glocester (\$16,184), New Shoreham (\$21,558), Richmond (\$30,561), Westerly (\$33,604), and Foster (\$33,877).



Between 2002 and 2003, Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services workers in North Kingstown saw their annual average wages increase by 25.9 percent, the highest growth rate in Rhode Island. Industry sector employees in Scituate (+22.6%), West Greenwich (+14.5%), and Bristol (+14.2%) also reported significant wage growth during this period. Annual average wages fell in several communities, including Glocester (-39.4%), Coventry (-14.8%), Barrington (-14.4%), and Warren (-11.5%).

Employment and Wages in Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services

	Annual Average Employment				Annual Average Wage			
	2002-2003				2002-2003			
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
RHODE ISLAND	18,927	19,297	370	2.0%	\$50,127	\$52,631	\$2,504	5.0%
Barrington	114	103	-11	-9.6%	\$55,388	\$47,402	-\$7,987	-14.4%
Bristol	92	83	-9	-9.8%	\$32,954	\$37,623	\$4,670	14.2%
Burrillville	48	49	1	2.1%	\$46,704	\$47,141	\$437	0.9%
Central Falls	19	9	-10	-52.6%	\$38,724	\$42,981	\$4,256	11.0%
Charlestown	29	35	6	20.7%	\$36,149	\$39,246	\$3,096	8.6%
Coventry	146	166	20	13.7%	\$40,002	\$34,076	-\$5,927	-14.8%
Cranston	1,327	1,303	-24	-1.8%	\$42,306	\$42,418	\$112	0.3%
Cumberland	207	238	31	15.0%	\$40,841	\$38,883	-\$1,958	-4.8%
East Greenwich	378	357	-21	-5.6%	\$46,658	\$44,136	-\$2,522	-5.4%
East Providence	1,397	1,399	2	0.1%	\$41,782	\$44,679	\$2,897	6.9%
Exeter	31	39	8	25.8%	\$49,697	\$49,127	-\$570	-1.1%
Foster	20	20	-	-	\$33,177	\$33,877	\$700	2.1%
Glocester	5	7	2	40.0%	\$26,724	\$16,184	-\$10,540	-39.4%
Hopkinton	27	23	-4	-14.8%	\$59,843	\$59,993	\$150	0.3%
Jamestown	80	78	-2	-2.5%	\$48,830	\$45,299	-\$3,531	-7.2%
Johnston	238	286	48	20.2%	\$34,773	\$38,670	\$3,897	11.2%
Lincoln	587	586	-1	-0.2%	\$50,641	\$52,665	\$2,024	4.0%
Little Compton	20	11	-9	-45.0%	\$44,347	\$45,272	\$926	2.1%
Middletown	1,450	1,587	137	9.4%	\$56,604	\$59,538	\$2,934	5.2%
Narragansett	160	159	-1	-0.6%	\$46,784	\$44,978	-\$1,806	-3.9%
Newport	808	814	6	0.7%	\$54,353	\$53,313	-\$1,040	-1.9%
New Shoreham	17	11	-6	-35.3%	\$21,054	\$21,558	\$505	2.4%
North Kingstown	278	274	-4	-1.4%	\$41,502	\$52,244	\$10,742	25.9%
North Providence	268	256	-12	-4.5%	\$40,970	\$42,655	\$1,686	4.1%
North Smithfield	213	220	7	3.3%	\$37,374	\$38,900	\$1,526	4.1%
Pawtucket	462	456	-6	-1.3%	\$37,503	\$38,255	\$752	2.0%
Portsmouth	135	138	3	2.2%	\$39,258	\$41,863	\$2,605	6.6%
Providence	6,002	6,080	78	1.3%	\$53,085	\$54,719	\$1,634	3.1%
Richmond	20	20	-	-	\$27,218	\$30,561	\$3,343	12.3%
Scituate	47	60	13	27.7%	\$35,755	\$43,848	\$8,093	22.6%
Smithfield	222	228	6	2.7%	\$45,360	\$45,536	\$177	0.4%
South Kingstown	350	346	-4	-1.1%	\$44,306	\$44,135	-\$171	-0.4%
Tiverton	127	145	18	14.2%	\$44,520	\$42,202	-\$2,318	-5.2%
Warren	64	71	7	10.9%	\$44,272	\$39,185	-\$5,087	-11.5%
Warwick	1,433	1,523	90	6.3%	\$42,921	\$45,544	\$2,623	6.1%
Westerly	189	195	6	3.2%	\$33,189	\$33,604	\$414	1.2%
West Greenwich	959	1,005	46	4.8%	\$97,266	\$111,325	\$14,059	14.5%
West Warwick	165	192	27	16.4%	\$54,321	\$56,159	\$1,838	3.4%
Woonsocket	214	207	-7	-3.3%	\$39,479	\$41,490	\$2,011	5.1%

Management of Companies & Enterprises

Management of Companies & Enterprises is one of Rhode Island's smallest industry sectors, comprised of "establishments primarily engaged in holding the securities of companies and enterprises for the purpose of owning a controlling interest or influencing management decisions" and those "that administer, oversee and manage other establishments"* of a company. This includes centralized administrative offices, corporate offices, and district and regional offices. In 2003, just over 7,600 people were employed by establishments classified in this industry sector. This represented an 18.5 percent (+1,189) increase over the 2002 employment level of 6,416. On a percentage basis, this was the largest over-the-year job growth reported on an industry sector basis in the Ocean State.

Nearly a quarter of the state's Management of Companies & Enterprises jobs were located in Providence (1,827), followed by Woonsocket (1,698), Warwick (1,326), and Pawtucket (1,250). Smaller levels of industry sector employment were also reported in North Kingstown (398), Cranston (185) Middletown (175), East Providence (86), and Lincoln (75).

Nine localities, mostly rural in nature, reported no Management of Companies & Enterprises employment in 2003: Exeter, Foster, Glocester, Hopkinton, Narragansett, North Smithfield, Richmond, Scituate, and West Greenwich. Due to confidentiality requirements, industry sector employment data for many Rhode Island communities is not available for public release.



Between 2002 and 2003, significant job growth occurred in Providence (+342), Woonsocket (+112), Pawtucket (+69), Cranston (+38), and Lincoln (+34). The latter saw its local Management of Companies & Enterprises employment level grow by 82.9 percent during this period. Two communities - Warwick (-38) and East Providence (-8) - reported job losses in 2003, as industry sector employment levels dropped by 2.8 percent and 8.5 percent, respectively.

Jobs in this industry sector paid the highest annual average wage in Rhode Island. In 2003, Management of Companies & Enterprises employees earned \$83,801 on average, nearly \$49,000 more than the private sector average. Between 2002 and 2003, the industry sector average wage grew by more than 31 percent, increasing by roughly \$20,000 over the year.

On a community basis, the highest annual average wage in Management of Companies & Enterprises was reported in Providence (\$145,388). Industry sector employees in the Capital City saw their average wages double (+104.2%) between 2002 and 2003. Establishments engaged in Management of Companies & Enterprises in Pawtucket (\$81,961), Woonsocket (\$76,740), Lincoln (\$66,111), and Warwick (\$56,917) also paid high wages in 2003.



Average wages in this industry sector were lowest in East Greenwich (\$20,767), Johnston (\$24,920), and East Providence (\$27,917). Management of Companies & Enterprises employees in at least five Ocean State communities, including Lincoln (-26.4%), East Providence (-14.1%), and Barrington (-10.5%), saw their average wages fall between 2002 and 2003.

*Executive Office of the President, Offices of Management and Budget. North American Industry Classification System - United States, 2002.

Employment and Wages in Management of Companies & Enterprises

	Annual Average Employment 2002-2003				Annual Average Wage 2002-2003			
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
RHODE ISLAND	6,416	7,605	1,189	18.5%	\$63,842	\$83,801	\$19,959	31.3%
Barrington	7	7	-	-	\$56,566	\$50,638	-\$5,928	-10.5%
Bristol	*	14	*	*	*	\$42,617	*	*
Burrillville	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Central Falls	0	*	*	*	-	*	*	*
Charlestown	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Coventry	*	18	*	*	*	\$45,099	*	*
Cranston	147	185	38	25.9%	\$36,902	\$34,891	-\$2,011	-5.5%
Cumberland	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
East Greenwich	*	17	*	*	*	\$20,767	*	*
East Providence	94	86	-8	-8.5%	\$32,486	\$27,917	-\$4,569	-14.1%
Exeter	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Foster	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Glocester	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hopkinton	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jamestown	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Johnston	*	28	*	*	*	\$24,920	*	*
Lincoln	41	75	34	82.9%	\$89,855	\$66,111	-\$23,744	-26.4%
Little Compton	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Middletown	*	175	*	*	*	\$51,763	*	*
Narragansett	*	0	*	*	*	-	*	*
Newport	26	32	6	23.1%	\$56,368	\$53,480	-\$2,888	-5.1%
New Shoreham	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
North Kingstown	*	398	*	*	*	\$31,360	*	*
North Providence	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
North Smithfield	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pawtucket	1,181	1,250	69	5.8%	\$79,042	\$81,961	\$2,919	3.7%
Portsmouth	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Providence	1,485	1,827	342	23.0%	\$71,184	\$145,388	\$74,204	104.2%
Richmond	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scituate	*	0	*	*	*	-	*	*
Smithfield	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
South Kingstown	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Tiverton	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Warren	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Warwick	1,364	1,326	-38	-2.8%	\$52,864	\$56,917	\$4,053	7.7%
Westerly	0	*	*	*	-	*	*	*
West Greenwich	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Warwick	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Woonsocket	1,586	1,698	112	7.1%	\$67,237	\$76,740	\$9,503	14.1%

Administrative & Waste Services

In 2003, Administrative & Waste Services jobs accounted for 5.6 percent of total private sector employment in Rhode Island. Nearly 22,800 people worked in this industry sector, which includes temporary help agencies, telephone call centers, collection agencies, security guard services, landscaping, travel agencies, carpet cleaning services, and waste collection. Administrative & Waste Services was one of only a few segments of the state's economy (including Manufacturing and Information) to report job losses between 2002 and 2003. Statewide, 536 Administrative & Waste Services jobs were lost over the year, a 2.3 percent decline.

The state's most populated urban communities reported the highest levels of Administrative & Waste Services employment in 2003. Providence (7,709), Warwick (2,941), Cranston (2,489), and Pawtucket (1,787) led the way, followed by Johnston (1,056), East Providence (700), and Newport (524). The lowest levels of industry sector employment were in Hopkinton (11), Burrillville (23), Little Compton (29), Jamestown (32), and Foster (32).

Although Administrative & Waste Services employment declined statewide, several communities did report industry sector job growth. Firms in Warwick (+227), Woonsocket (+220), Johnston (+161), North Kingstown (+123), and Scituate (+66) added the most jobs in 2003. Both Scituate (+135%) and North Kingstown (+109%) reported a doubling of local industry sector employment levels, while Administrative & Waste Services jobs in Gloucester and Woonsocket increased by 91.4 percent and 89.4 percent, respectively.



The industry sector's employment decline between 2002 and 2003 was driven by a loss of 550 jobs in Providence. This drop was mainly the result of job losses in Janitorial Services combined with a non-economic shift in employment from the Capital City to a nearby community. Other notable losses were reported in East Providence (-175), North Providence (-133), and Newport (-62). On a percentage basis, Hopkinton saw Administrative & Waste Services employment drop by 73.8 percent, followed by East Greenwich (-25.0%), Barrington (-21.4%), North Providence (-21.1%), and East Providence (-20.0%). Providence's job losses translated into a 6.7 percent decline in local industry sector employment.

In 2003, Administrative & Waste Services firms in the Ocean State paid workers an annual average wage of \$23,044, well below the private sector average of \$34,859. This was the fourth lowest wage paid on an industry sector basis, ahead of Accommodation & Food Services (\$14,099), Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation (\$20,548), and Other Services (\$22,741). Administrative & Waste Services' average wage level is the result of its low-skill, low-wage industries, particularly Employment Placement Agencies and Temporary Help Services, which accounted for forty percent of industry sector employment in 2003. Janitorial and Security Services jobs also paid annual average wages below \$20,000. It should be noted that the annual average wage for this industry sector did manage to grow 4.1 percent in 2003, slightly below the 4.9 percent growth reported throughout the private sector.

Administrative & Waste Services businesses in Smithfield (\$36,427), Newport (\$33,862), Portsmouth (\$33,311), Central Falls (\$31,891), Cumberland (\$31,640), and Bristol (\$31,262) all paid annual average wages above \$30,000 in 2003. The lowest industry sector wages were reported in Pawtucket (\$16,232), North Providence (\$17,632), Westerly (\$19,383), and Cranston (\$19,458). Industry sector wage growth was particularly high in North Providence (+62.2%), Warren (+39.8%), Gloucester (+25.0%), West Warwick (+25.0%), and Cumberland (+24.6%). In nearly half of the state's cities and towns, the annual average wage paid to Administrative & Waste Services workers declined. Employees in Scituate (-40.1%), Richmond (-28.1%), and Woonsocket (-21.2%) faced the largest drop in wages during this period.

Employment and Wages in Administrative & Waste Services

	Annual Average Employment				Annual Average Wage			
	2002-2003				2002-2003			
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
RHODE ISLAND	23,333	22,797	-536	-2.3%	\$22,134	\$23,044	\$909	4.1%
Barrington	70	55	-15	-21.4%	\$22,867	\$26,888	\$4,021	17.6%
Bristol	145	140	-5	-3.4%	\$27,330	\$31,262	\$3,932	14.4%
Burrillville	26	23	-3	-11.5%	\$21,953	\$24,911	\$2,958	13.5%
Central Falls	131	130	-1	-0.8%	\$30,617	\$31,891	\$1,275	4.2%
Charlestown	33	51	18	54.5%	\$27,755	\$28,734	\$979	3.5%
Coventry	120	178	58	48.3%	\$24,292	\$24,062	-\$230	-0.9%
Cranston	2,527	2,489	-38	-1.5%	\$21,079	\$19,458	-\$1,621	-7.7%
Cumberland	223	209	-14	-6.3%	\$25,383	\$31,640	\$6,257	24.6%
East Greenwich	152	114	-38	-25.0%	\$31,659	\$29,431	-\$2,228	-7.0%
East Providence	875	700	-175	-20.0%	\$21,949	\$21,839	-\$110	-0.5%
Exeter	29	34	5	17.2%	\$25,255	\$21,918	-\$3,338	-13.2%
Foster	29	32	3	10.3%	\$20,661	\$21,064	\$403	2.0%
Glocester	35	67	32	91.4%	\$22,837	\$28,537	\$5,700	25.0%
Hopkinton	42	11	-31	-73.8%	\$29,142	\$27,807	-\$1,335	-4.6%
Jamestown	35	32	-3	-8.6%	\$27,802	\$23,584	-\$4,218	-15.2%
Johnston	895	1,056	161	18.0%	\$30,813	\$28,892	-\$1,921	-6.2%
Lincoln	432	456	24	5.6%	\$20,399	\$20,271	-\$128	-0.6%
Little Compton	31	29	-2	-6.5%	\$26,673	\$21,880	-\$4,793	-18.0%
Middletown	248	286	38	15.3%	\$27,536	\$28,975	\$1,439	5.2%
Narragansett	188	157	-31	-16.5%	\$23,352	\$25,822	\$2,471	10.6%
Newport	586	524	-62	-10.6%	\$31,701	\$33,862	\$2,161	6.8%
New Shoreham	32	36	4	12.5%	\$26,655	\$26,679	\$24	0.1%
North Kingstown	113	236	123	108.8%	\$25,917	\$24,942	-\$975	-3.8%
North Providence	629	496	-133	-21.1%	\$10,872	\$17,632	\$6,760	62.2%
North Smithfield	40	38	-2	-5.0%	\$18,979	\$20,830	\$1,852	9.8%
Pawtucket	1,729	1,787	58	3.4%	\$16,109	\$16,232	\$124	0.8%
Portsmouth	70	85	15	21.4%	\$35,840	\$33,311	-\$2,528	-7.1%
Providence	8,259	7,709	-550	-6.7%	\$21,388	\$23,064	\$1,676	7.8%
Richmond	35	50	15	42.9%	\$39,122	\$28,127	-\$10,995	-28.1%
Scituate	49	115	66	134.7%	\$35,104	\$21,030	-\$14,073	-40.1%
Smithfield	215	226	11	5.1%	\$33,173	\$36,427	\$3,254	9.8%
South Kingstown	223	245	22	9.9%	\$30,542	\$29,060	-\$1,482	-4.9%
Tiverton	69	73	4	5.8%	\$25,413	\$25,022	-\$391	-1.5%
Warren	101	140	39	38.6%	\$17,281	\$24,157	\$6,876	39.8%
Warwick	2,714	2,941	227	8.4%	\$22,017	\$22,126	\$109	0.5%
Westerly	140	129	-11	-7.9%	\$19,882	\$19,383	-\$499	-2.5%
West Greenwich	38	56	18	47.4%	\$25,344	\$28,690	\$3,346	13.2%
West Warwick	218	195	-23	-10.6%	\$16,703	\$20,877	\$4,174	25.0%
Woonsocket	246	466	220	89.4%	\$31,974	\$25,193	-\$6,780	-21.2%

Educational Services

The Educational Services industry sector consists of establishments that provide instruction and training in a variety of subjects, including privately owned and operated schools, colleges, and training centers, sports and recreation instruction, automobile driving schools, and exam preparation services. In 2003, the number of individuals employed in this industry sector was 16,254, an increase of 635 jobs from the 15,619 workers reported in 2002. This 4.1 percent growth was the third largest reported in the private sector during this period, trailing Management of Companies & Enterprises (+18.5%) and Construction (+7.6%).



Providence-based businesses employed 9,759 Educational Services workers in 2003, the most of any Rhode Island community. Over 80 percent of those workers were employed by one of four colleges and universities located within the Capital City. Bristol (1,158), also home to a university, reported the second most employees in this industry sector, followed by Warwick (775), Smithfield (703), and East Providence (583). Smaller levels of employment were noted in Warren (55), Westerly (55), Lincoln (51), Johnston (33), North Providence (21), and the rural community of Scituate (11). Three communities – Central Falls, Foster, and Richmond – reported no private sector Educational Services employment in 2003.

Providence (+247) and Bristol (+120) reported sizable industry sector job growth between 2002 and 2003. Modest gains in Educational Services employment were also seen in Pawtucket (+48), Warwick (+29), and Cranston (+24). The addition of 7 industry sector jobs in North Providence led to a 50.0 percent increase in local Educational Services employment. Other notable percentage increases were reported in Pawtucket (+17.8%), South Kingstown (+17.4%), and Westerly (+17.0%).

Just three Ocean State communities – Portsmouth (-29), Smithfield (-12), and North Kingstown (-7) – reported a drop in Educational Services employment during this period. Job losses in Portsmouth translated into a 12.8 percent decline in local industry sector employment.

In 2003, the annual average wage in Educational Services was \$37,099, a 4.3 percent (+\$1,534) increase over the industry sector's 2002 average wage. It was also slightly higher (+\$2,240) than the state's private sector average wage of \$34,859. Two communities – Smithfield (\$43,685) and Providence (\$41,411) – reported above-average wages within this industry sector, followed by Middletown (\$34,289), Bristol (\$33,848), and Portsmouth (\$33,838). Educational Services employers in North Providence (\$13,886) and Cumberland (\$15,817) paid wages well below the industry sector's 2003 average.

The largest percentage gains in Educational Services wages were noted in Coventry (+9.6%), Pawtucket (+9.4%), North Kingstown (+9.2%), East Providence (+6.4%), and Portsmouth (+6.3%). However, several communities reported wage declines in this industry sector between 2002 and 2003. Workers in North Providence (-23.8%) reported the largest drop, followed by Cranston (-9.5%), West Warwick (-9.5%), Westerly (-7.5%), Lincoln (-6.5%), and Johnston (-2.6%).



Employment and Wages in Educational Services

	Annual Average Employment				Annual Average Wage			
	2002-2003				2002-2003			
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
RHODE ISLAND	15,619	16,254	635	4.1%	\$ 35,565	\$ 37,099	\$ 1,534	4.3%
Barrington	119	123	4	3.4%	\$ 28,091	\$ 28,081	\$ (10)	0.0%
Bristol	1,038	1,158	120	11.6%	\$ 32,858	\$ 33,848	\$ 990	3.0%
Burrillville	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Central Falls	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charlestown	0	*	*	*	-	*	*	*
Coventry	108	120	12	11.1%	\$ 20,301	\$ 22,257	\$ 1,956	9.6%
Cranston	236	260	24	10.2%	\$ 19,138	\$ 17,321	\$ (1,817)	-9.5%
Cumberland	82	87	5	6.1%	\$ 15,297	\$ 15,817	\$ 520	3.4%
East Greenwich	178	187	9	5.1%	\$ 23,754	\$ 24,844	\$ 1,090	4.6%
East Providence	575	583	8	1.4%	\$ 28,465	\$ 30,279	\$ 1,814	6.4%
Exeter	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Foster	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Glocester	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Hopkinton	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Jamestown	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Johnston	32	33	1	3.1%	\$ 23,980	\$ 23,358	\$ (622)	-2.6%
Lincoln	44	51	7	15.9%	\$ 25,643	\$ 23,968	\$ (1,675)	-6.5%
Little Compton	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Middletown	369	374	5	1.4%	\$ 34,688	\$ 34,289	\$ (399)	-1.2%
Narragansett	*	68	*	*	*	\$ 28,427	*	*
Newport	538	557	19	3.5%	\$ 30,255	\$ 31,725	\$ 1,470	4.9%
New Shoreham	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
North Kingstown	103	96	-7	-6.8%	\$ 22,923	\$ 25,023	\$ 2,099	9.2%
North Providence	14	21	7	50.0%	\$ 18,211	\$ 13,886	\$ (4,325)	-23.8%
North Smithfield	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Pawtucket	269	317	48	17.8%	\$ 23,045	\$ 25,212	\$ 2,167	9.4%
Portsmouth	227	198	-29	-12.8%	\$ 31,819	\$ 33,838	\$ 2,019	6.3%
Providence	9,512	9,759	247	2.6%	\$ 39,116	\$ 41,411	\$ 2,296	5.9%
Richmond	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scituate	*	11	*	*	*	\$ 28,426	*	*
Smithfield	715	703	-12	-1.7%	\$ 43,797	\$ 43,685	\$ (112)	-0.3%
South Kingstown	109	128	19	17.4%	\$ 22,001	\$ 22,107	\$ 106	0.5%
Tiverton	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Warren	*	55	*	*	*	\$ 28,203	*	*
Warwick	746	775	29	3.9%	\$ 28,284	\$ 29,315	\$ 1,031	3.6%
Westerly	47	55	8	17.0%	\$ 18,608	\$ 17,221	\$ (1,388)	-7.5%
West Greenwich	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
West Warwick	69	73	4	5.8%	\$ 20,012	\$ 18,116	\$ (1,896)	-9.5%
Woonsocket	345	361	16	4.6%	\$ 28,151	\$ 29,349	\$ 1,198	4.3%

Health Care & Social Assistance

In 2003, more than 17 percent of the state's private sector workforce was employed in Health Care & Social Assistance, the highest concentration among all industry sectors. Its 70,000 employees work in doctors' offices, hospitals, medical laboratories, assisted-living facilities, day care centers, and family social service agencies, staffed by nurses, surgeons, dental hygienists, counselors, ambulance drivers, and emergency relief workers.

Statewide, Health Care & Social Assistance employment was generally concentrated in the state's urban core. By a wide margin, Providence's Health Care & Social Assistance establishments employed more workers (23,403) than those of any other Ocean State community in 2003, followed by Warwick (7,797), Pawtucket (5,037), East Providence (3,625), Cranston (3,307), and Woonsocket (3,228). The high number of industry sector jobs in these cities is a reflection of the increased demand for healthcare and social services generated by their dense urban populations. On the other hand, small towns such as Richmond (75), West Greenwich (73), Foster (52), New Shoreham (19), and Little Compton (14) reported the lowest levels of industry sector employment in 2003.

In several communities, Health Care & Social Assistance employees accounted for a substantial share of the total private sector workforce. For example, more than 35 percent of private sector workers in North Providence were employed in local Health Care & Social Assistance businesses. Glocester (26.8%), Woonsocket (24.2%), Providence (24.1%), North Smithfield (23.2%), and South Kingstown (22.7%) also reported high concentrations of industry sector workers in 2003. Many of these communities play host to large hospitals, whose medical services and administrative needs employ hundreds of workers at a single location.

Throughout the state, 1,905 Health Care & Social Assistance jobs were added in 2003, a 2.8 percent increase. As would be expected by their sheer size, Providence (+971) and Warwick (+308) accounted for much of this over-the-year increase. However, many smaller communities reported notable employment growth on a percentage basis. Richmond (+29.3%), East Greenwich (+19.6%), West Greenwich (+12.3%), and Cumberland (+11.5%) all reported double-digit percentage growth in Health Care & Social Assistance employment during this period. Charlestown (+8.5%), West Warwick (+6.8%), Portsmouth (+6.5%), and Coventry (+6.2%) also reported job growth above the state average. Thirteen localities reported industry sector job losses in 2003, including Jamestown (-10.8%), Scituate (-8.6%), Narragansett (-6.8%), Central Falls (-6.1%), and Foster (-5.5%).



Although Health Care & Social Assistance employment grew at a faster rate than the private sector as a whole, its annual average wage did not. Statewide, workers in this industry sector earned an average of \$33,886, a 2.4 percent (+\$779) increase over the 2002 average wage of \$33,107. Throughout the private sector, the annual average wage increased by nearly five percent during this period. Health Care & Social Assistance workers in East Greenwich (+15.6%), Exeter (+14.4%), West Greenwich (+13.2%), Scituate (+10.9%), and Jamestown (+10.5%) reported wage growth well above both the industry sector and private sector averages. A decline in annual average wages for healthcare and social service workers was reported in just four communities - North Providence (-1.8%), West Warwick (-1.7%), Warren (-1.5%), and Newport (-1.2%).

In 2003, the highest average wages in this industry sector were paid in Providence (\$40,796), Westerly (\$34,704), Pawtucket (\$34,253), Johnston (\$33,299), and North Providence (\$32,793). Health Care & Social Assistance workers in Little Compton (\$21,036), Burrillville (\$21,583), and West Greenwich (\$22,133) earned the lowest average wage on an annual basis in the state.

Employment and Wages in Health Care & Social Assistance

	Annual Average Employment				Annual Average Wage			
	2002-2003				2002-2003			
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
RHODE ISLAND	68,148	70,053	1,905	2.8%	\$33,107	\$33,886	\$779	2.4%
Barrington	352	370	18	5.1%	\$25,011	\$25,508	\$497	2.0%
Bristol	821	839	18	2.2%	\$22,622	\$23,209	\$587	2.6%
Burrillville	531	505	-26	-4.9%	\$21,197	\$21,583	\$386	1.8%
Central Falls	277	260	-17	-6.1%	\$25,210	\$25,569	\$359	1.4%
Charlestown	153	166	13	8.5%	\$27,412	\$27,425	\$13	0.0%
Coventry	872	926	54	6.2%	\$22,910	\$23,989	\$1,079	4.7%
Cranston	3,231	3,307	76	2.4%	\$30,014	\$30,658	\$643	2.1%
Cumberland	913	1,018	105	11.5%	\$24,482	\$26,433	\$1,951	8.0%
East Greenwich	582	696	114	19.6%	\$25,765	\$29,791	\$4,027	15.6%
East Providence	3,606	3,625	19	0.5%	\$31,021	\$31,242	\$221	0.7%
Exeter	98	95	-3	-3.1%	\$20,594	\$23,554	\$2,960	14.4%
Foster	55	52	-3	-5.5%	\$24,395	\$26,534	\$2,139	8.8%
Glocester	269	275	6	2.2%	\$28,268	\$29,468	\$1,200	4.2%
Hopkinton	174	175	1	0.6%	\$21,018	\$22,355	\$1,337	6.4%
Jamestown	139	124	-15	-10.8%	\$22,095	\$24,406	\$2,311	10.5%
Johnston	1,299	1,301	2	0.2%	\$31,705	\$33,299	\$1,594	5.0%
Lincoln	830	818	-12	-1.4%	\$26,519	\$27,219	\$700	2.6%
Little Compton	*	14	*	*	*	\$21,036	*	*
Middletown	1,404	1,450	46	3.3%	\$22,595	\$23,421	\$826	3.7%
Narragansett	307	286	-21	-6.8%	\$27,165	\$28,302	\$1,137	4.2%
Newport	2,009	1,951	-58	-2.9%	\$32,926	\$32,530	-\$395	-1.2%
New Shoreham	*	19	*	*	*	\$30,774	*	*
North Kingstown	950	992	42	4.4%	\$25,959	\$26,710	\$751	2.9%
North Providence	2,642	2,774	132	5.0%	\$33,387	\$32,793	-\$594	-1.8%
North Smithfield	873	864	-9	-1.0%	\$27,336	\$27,742	\$406	1.5%
Pawtucket	5,086	5,037	-49	-1.0%	\$32,678	\$34,253	\$1,575	4.8%
Portsmouth	368	392	24	6.5%	\$23,298	\$23,430	\$132	0.6%
Providence	22,432	23,403	971	4.3%	\$40,127	\$40,796	\$669	1.7%
Richmond	58	75	17	29.3%	\$26,192	\$27,726	\$1,534	5.9%
Scituate	197	180	-17	-8.6%	\$21,031	\$23,319	\$2,289	10.9%
Smithfield	1,135	1,178	43	3.8%	\$23,003	\$24,358	\$1,355	5.9%
South Kingstown	1,946	1,958	12	0.6%	\$32,257	\$32,626	\$369	1.1%
Tiverton	350	350	-	-	\$23,099	\$24,018	\$919	4.0%
Warren	564	561	-3	-0.5%	\$26,993	\$26,600	-\$393	-1.5%
Warwick	7,489	7,797	308	4.1%	\$31,808	\$32,629	\$821	2.6%
Westerly	1,942	1,903	-39	-2.0%	\$34,314	\$34,704	\$389	1.1%
West Greenwich	65	73	8	12.3%	\$19,556	\$22,133	\$2,578	13.2%
West Warwick	707	755	48	6.8%	\$29,217	\$28,722	-\$496	-1.7%
Woonsocket	3,124	3,228	104	3.3%	\$28,295	\$29,608	\$1,313	4.6%

Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation

One of the state's smallest industry sectors, Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation businesses employed 7,300 people in 2003, accounting for just 1.8 percent of total private sector employment. Seasonal declines certainly contribute to this low employment average, as the cold winter months close many of the state's marinas, nature parks, sporting facilities, and golf courses and country clubs. However, many other Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation industries are not as reliant on good weather. These include fitness centers, theater companies, racetracks, gambling institutions, bowling centers, musical groups, independent artists, writers and performers, and museums.

Private sector firms in Newport (1,005), a popular destination for tourists from around the world, employed the most Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation workers in the state. The "Sailing Capital of the World" was followed by Providence (996), Lincoln (961), Warwick (531), and East Providence (511). Together, these five communities accounted for nearly 55 percent of statewide employment in this industry sector.

Less populated and rural areas such as Warren (23), Coventry (22), North Smithfield (20), Tiverton (16), and Charlestown (9) reported the least amount of Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation workers in 2003. Scituate reported no industry sector employment that year.



Throughout the Ocean State, Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation employment grew by 209 jobs between 2002 and 2003, a 2.9 percent increase. Lincoln (+75) and Warwick (+41) added the most jobs within this industry sector, followed by Burrillville (+27), South Kingstown (+27), and East Providence (+23). Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation employment in North Smithfield (+10) doubled during this period as well. On a percentage basis, the largest growth was reported in North Smithfield (+100%), Burrillville (+64.3%), Charlestown (+50.0%), New Shoreham (+25.8%), and Cumberland (+22.4%).

In 2003, Newport (-57) lost the most industry sector jobs on a community basis, followed by Bristol (-15), Woonsocket (-10) and North Kingstown (-9). Two of these localities – Bristol (-16.0%) and Woonsocket (-11.2%) – reported the largest percentage declines in the state. During this period, three Rhode Island communities – Pawtucket, Portsmouth, and Warren – reported no change in their Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation employment levels.



In 2003, the average annual wage in the Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation industry sector was \$20,548. This was more than \$14,000 below the state's private sector average of \$34,859, partially a result of the high number of part-time jobs and seasonal nature of Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation employment. The industry sector's annual average wage did manage to grow at a faster rate (+5.2%) than the private sector average (+4.9%) between 2002 and 2003.

Above-average industry wages were earned in several communities, including Tiverton (\$30,712), Coventry (\$25,670), Pawtucket (\$25,401), Providence (\$24,481), and Newport (\$24,389). In 2003, wages well below the industry sector average were reported in North Providence (\$8,586), Hopkinton (\$11,495), Burrillville (\$11,537), Richmond (\$12,829), and Bristol (\$12,884).

Over the year Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation wage growth was highest in East Greenwich (+43.0%), Exeter (+29.0%), Woonsocket (+24.2%), Smithfield (+18.6%), and North Providence (+15.4%). More than a dozen Ocean State communities reported a decline in industry sector wages between 2002 and 2003, including Tiverton (-33.5%), North Smithfield (-16.9%), New Shoreham (-14.3%), West Warwick (-7.6%), and Cranston (-6.1%).

Employment and Wages in Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation

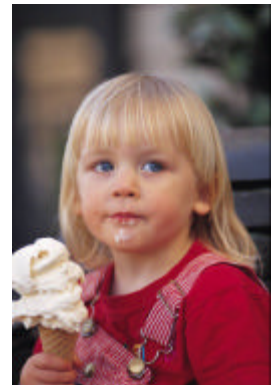
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RHODE ISLAND	7,097	7,306	209	2.9%	\$19,530	\$20,548	\$1,019	5.2%
Barrington	158	174	16	10.1%	\$23,339	\$22,873	-\$466	-2.0%
Bristol	94	79	-15	-16.0%	\$12,240	\$12,884	\$644	5.3%
Burrillville	42	69	27	64.3%	\$11,303	\$11,537	\$234	2.1%
Central Falls	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Charlestown	6	9	3	50.0%	\$12,604	\$13,636	\$1,031	8.2%
Coventry	20	22	2	10.0%	\$25,379	\$25,670	\$292	1.1%
Cranston	280	289	9	3.2%	\$16,531	\$15,518	-\$1,012	-6.1%
Cumberland	76	93	17	22.4%	\$17,567	\$17,174	-\$393	-2.2%
East Greenwich	86	80	-6	-7.0%	\$16,057	\$22,956	\$6,899	43.0%
East Providence	488	511	23	4.7%	\$14,776	\$14,725	-\$50	-0.3%
Exeter	65	72	7	10.8%	\$12,462	\$16,073	\$3,611	29.0%
Foster	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Glocester	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Hopkinton	68	72	4	5.9%	\$10,699	\$11,495	\$795	7.4%
Jamestown	102	115	13	12.7%	\$23,543	\$23,300	-\$243	-1.0%
Johnston	34	32	-2	-5.9%	\$17,327	\$16,606	-\$721	-4.2%
Lincoln	886	961	75	8.5%	\$21,826	\$23,568	\$1,742	8.0%
Little Compton	50	55	5	10.0%	\$21,287	\$20,226	-\$1,061	-5.0%
Middletown	179	171	-8	-4.5%	\$16,166	\$17,426	\$1,260	7.8%
Narragansett	163	155	-8	-4.9%	\$15,654	\$17,201	\$1,547	9.9%
Newport	1,062	1,005	-57	-5.4%	\$22,933	\$24,389	\$1,457	6.4%
New Shoreham	31	39	8	25.8%	\$28,086	\$24,062	-\$4,024	-14.3%
North Kingstown	211	202	-9	-4.3%	\$20,106	\$21,626	\$1,520	7.6%
North Providence	124	120	-4	-3.2%	\$7,441	\$8,586	\$1,145	15.4%
North Smithfield	10	20	10	100.0%	\$23,243	\$19,305	-\$3,938	-16.9%
Pawtucket	335	335	-	-	\$22,790	\$25,401	\$2,611	11.5%
Portsmouth	125	125	-	-	\$20,116	\$21,656	\$1,540	7.7%
Providence	978	996	18	1.8%	\$21,765	\$24,481	\$2,716	12.5%
Richmond	142	138	-4	-2.8%	\$13,147	\$12,829	-\$319	-2.4%
Scituate	*	0	*	*	*	-	*	*
Smithfield	52	51	-1	-1.9%	\$12,714	\$15,077	\$2,363	18.6%
South Kingstown	188	215	27	14.4%	\$20,526	\$19,679	-\$847	-4.1%
Tiverton	14	16	2	14.3%	\$46,181	\$30,712	-\$15,469	-33.5%
Warren	23	23	-	-	\$13,425	\$14,873	\$1,448	10.8%
Warwick	490	531	41	8.4%	\$17,892	\$17,056	-\$837	-4.7%
Westerly	239	257	18	7.5%	\$19,695	\$21,240	\$1,544	7.8%
West Greenwich	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
West Warwick	60	63	3	5.0%	\$20,473	\$18,924	-\$1,549	-7.6%
Woonsocket	89	79	-10	-11.2%	\$16,388	\$20,352	\$3,964	24.2%

Accommodation & Food Services

Accommodation & Food Services businesses employed 41,712 workers in 2003, accounting for 10.2 percent of all private sector jobs in Rhode Island. This sector is comprised of establishments providing lodging and/or preparing meals and beverages for immediate consumption, including hotels and motels, bed & breakfasts, RV parks, full- and limited-service restaurants, cafeterias, caterers, mobile food services, and drinking places. Total employment in this industry sector increased by 3.0 percent (+1,208) between 2002 and 2003.

In 2003, Providence-based businesses employed the most Accommodation & Food Services workers in the state, at 8,171 jobs. Warwick (5,281), a city with many hotels and food establishments neighboring T.F. Green Airport, reported the second highest employment level in Rhode Island. Newport (3,551), a popular tourist destination, also reported a large number of industry sector jobs, followed by Cranston (2,747) and East Providence (1,477). Rural communities such as Foster (42), Scituate (71), Little Compton (72), Hopkinton (76), and Exeter (89) employed the least amount of Accommodation & Food Services workers in the state.

Industry sector businesses in Cranston (+277) added the most Accommodation & Food Services jobs in the state between 2002 and 2003. Employment in Warwick increased by 153 jobs, followed by Coventry (+151), Smithfield (+149), Pawtucket (+125), East Providence (+112), and Providence (+102). On a percentage basis, Charlestown's addition of 37 Accommodation & Food Services jobs translated into a 20.2 percent increase, the largest growth rate reported in Rhode Island. Coventry (+17.2%), Scituate (+16.4%), and Exeter (+15.6%) also experienced notable job growth during this period.



Twelve communities reported job losses in Accommodation & Food Services between 2002 and 2003, led by Westerly (-60), Johnston (-40), East Greenwich (-30), Newport (-29) and Richmond (-26). Foster, which lost 11 industry sector jobs in 2003, experienced the largest percentage decline (-20.8%) in the state. Richmond (-11.0%), Tiverton (-7.9%), and Central Falls (-7.3%) also saw local Accommodation & Food Services employment fall.

Many Accommodation & Food Services employees, especially food service workers, rely heavily on tips to offset their low hourly wage. Furthermore, these jobs are predominately part-time positions. These factors have an impact on the industry sector's annual average wage, which excludes money earned through tips. At \$14,099 in 2003, Accommodation & Food Services reported the lowest annual average wage in the state, well below the private sector average of \$34,859. Overall, the average wage in this industry sector increased by just 1.4 percent (+\$195) in 2003. Across the private sector, annual average wages grew by 4.9 percent during this same period.



In all, businesses in seven communities reported wages above the industry sector average. New Shoreham (\$21,862) and Newport (\$18,891), two of the state's most popular tourist destinations, led the way, followed by Portsmouth (\$17,582), Providence (\$16,442), and Westerly (\$14,737). The lowest Accommodation & Food Services wages were paid in Lincoln (\$10,165), Foster (\$10,172), North Kingstown (\$10,461), Central Falls (\$10,878), and Hopkinton (\$10,924).

Foster's Accommodation & Food Services workforce experienced the largest growth (+21.3%) in annual average wages in 2003, followed by Portsmouth (+19.1%), West Greenwich (+12.1%), East Greenwich (+11.8%), and Exeter (+8.3%). Wages fell in several Rhode Island communities, including Jamestown (-35.9%), Charlestown (-17.8%), Scituate (-11.2%), Little Compton (-4.6%), and Westerly (-4.0%).

Employment and Wages in Accommodation & Food Services

	Annual Average Employment				Annual Average Wage			
	2002-2003				2002-2003			
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
RHODE ISLAND	40,504	41,712	1,208	3.0%	\$13,904	\$14,099	\$195	1.4%
Barrington	153	162	9	5.9%	\$11,815	\$12,437	\$622	5.3%
Bristol	615	691	76	12.4%	\$11,914	\$11,881	-\$33	-0.3%
Burrillville	331	348	17	5.1%	\$12,957	\$13,288	\$331	2.6%
Central Falls	301	279	-22	-7.3%	\$10,501	\$10,878	\$378	3.6%
Charlestown	183	220	37	20.2%	\$17,247	\$14,175	-\$3,072	-17.8%
Coventry	876	1,027	151	17.2%	\$10,970	\$10,958	-\$12	-0.1%
Cranston	2,470	2,747	277	11.2%	\$13,988	\$13,934	-\$53	-0.4%
Cumberland	556	575	19	3.4%	\$10,684	\$11,131	\$448	4.2%
East Greenwich	829	799	-30	-3.6%	\$12,351	\$13,806	\$1,455	11.8%
East Providence	1,365	1,477	112	8.2%	\$11,990	\$12,427	\$438	3.6%
Exeter	77	89	12	15.6%	\$13,483	\$14,600	\$1,118	8.3%
Foster	53	42	-11	-20.8%	\$8,383	\$10,172	\$1,789	21.3%
Glocester	126	134	8	6.3%	\$10,796	\$10,965	\$168	1.6%
Hopkinton	81	76	-5	-6.2%	\$10,237	\$10,924	\$687	6.7%
Jamestown	218	205	-13	-6.0%	\$21,729	\$13,923	-\$7,805	-35.9%
Johnston	786	746	-40	-5.1%	\$12,037	\$12,639	\$602	5.0%
Lincoln	425	444	19	4.5%	\$10,428	\$10,165	-\$263	-2.5%
Little Compton	75	72	-3	-4.0%	\$12,145	\$11,584	-\$561	-4.6%
Middletown	1,335	1,421	86	6.4%	\$13,150	\$13,489	\$339	2.6%
Narragansett	970	991	21	2.2%	\$11,978	\$12,222	\$244	2.0%
Newport	3,580	3,551	-29	-0.8%	\$19,088	\$18,891	-\$197	-1.0%
New Shoreham	367	384	17	4.6%	\$21,750	\$21,862	\$112	0.5%
North Kingstown	1,057	1,064	7	0.7%	\$10,510	\$10,461	-\$49	-0.5%
North Providence	815	845	30	3.7%	\$11,845	\$12,088	\$243	2.1%
North Smithfield	409	411	2	0.5%	\$11,007	\$11,270	\$263	2.4%
Pawtucket	1,279	1,404	125	9.8%	\$11,886	\$12,024	\$138	1.2%
Portsmouth	400	435	35	8.8%	\$14,757	\$17,582	\$2,825	19.1%
Providence	8,069	8,171	102	1.3%	\$15,851	\$16,442	\$591	3.7%
Richmond	236	210	-26	-11.0%	\$11,304	\$12,140	\$835	7.4%
Scituate	61	71	10	16.4%	\$13,690	\$12,155	-\$1,535	-11.2%
Smithfield	1,111	1,260	149	13.4%	\$12,452	\$12,638	\$186	1.5%
South Kingstown	1,043	1,056	13	1.2%	\$12,088	\$12,295	\$207	1.7%
Tiverton	189	174	-15	-7.9%	\$11,009	\$11,188	\$180	1.6%
Warren	637	635	-2	-0.3%	\$11,308	\$11,329	\$21	0.2%
Warwick	5,128	5,281	153	3.0%	\$13,310	\$13,548	\$238	1.8%
Westerly	1,375	1,315	-60	-4.4%	\$15,343	\$14,737	-\$606	-4.0%
West Greenwich	157	168	11	7.0%	\$10,770	\$12,076	\$1,306	12.1%
West Warwick	903	923	20	2.2%	\$11,383	\$11,966	\$583	5.1%
Woonsocket	1,132	1,161	29	2.6%	\$10,741	\$11,062	\$321	3.0%

Other Services

(except Public Administration)

The Other Services (except Public Administration) industry sector is comprised of establishments engaged in providing services not specifically provided elsewhere in the NAICS classification system. Automobile repair and maintenance shops, car washes, appliance and office machine repair services, barber shops and beauty salons, diet centers, funeral homes, drycleaners, pet care services, religious organizations, and labor unions are all types of establishments included in Other Services. In 2003, 17,911 people were employed in this industry sector, a 1.6 percent (+277) increase from the previous year's employment level of 17,634.

Many Other Services industries almost exclusively rely upon the local community for business, especially Personal and Laundry Services establishments such as barber shops, nail salons, cemeteries, coin-operated laundries, and even pet sitting services. It follows that as a population grows, so will the number of employees in these types of businesses. Such is the case in Rhode Island, where Other Services employment was concentrated in the state's urban cities. In 2003, Providence-based firms accounted for 25.6 percent (4,586) of the state's Other Services jobs. Four other large communities – Warwick (1,750), Cranston (1,640), Pawtucket (1,287) and East Providence (765) – combined for an additional thirty percent of the employment within this industry sector. Commensurate with their smaller, more rural populations, Foster (9), New Shoreham (14), West Greenwich (18), Exeter (30), Richmond (32), and Gloucester (39), reported the fewest Other Services jobs in the Ocean State.



Between 2002 and 2003, Other Services firms in both Cranston and Warwick added 52 jobs to their local economies, followed by East Providence (+33), Middletown (+32), North Smithfield (+30), and Westerly (+30). North Smithfield's job gains translated into a 42.3 percent increase in local industry sector employment levels. Exeter (+36.4%), Jamestown (+23.4%), and Gloucester (+18.2%) also reported notable percentage growth in Other Services employment during this period.

A dozen Rhode Island cities and towns reported job losses in Other Services between 2002 and 2003, led by Pawtucket (-54), Central Falls (-43), East Greenwich (-26), and Newport (-14). Foster (-30.8%), Central Falls (-25.4%), West Greenwich (-18.2%), and East Greenwich (-10.3%) experienced the greatest job decline on a percentage basis.

In 2003, the annual average wage paid to Other Services workers statewide was \$22,741. This represented a 1.3 percent (+\$301) increase from the \$22,440 earned in 2002. Wages paid in this sector were more than \$12,000 below the state's private sector average and over-the-year wage growth in Other Services was significantly below that experience throughout the economy (+4.9%).

Industry sector employees working in Hopkinton (\$36,222) earned the highest annual average wages in the state, followed by Jamestown (\$30,464), Providence (\$26,992), North Kingstown (\$26,126), and Scituate (\$25,759). Other Services employees in Foster (\$12,456), Barrington (\$12,927), Exeter (\$15,288), Little Compton (\$16,122), and Woonsocket (\$16,591) earned the lowest wages on a community basis in 2003.

Foster's Other Services workforce experienced the highest wage growth (+58.7%) in Rhode Island between 2002 and 2003, followed by New Shoreham (+20.2%), Central Falls (+15.1%), Charlestown (+11.4%), and Warren (+11.4%). Industry sector employees in East Greenwich saw their annual wages decline by 24.1 percent over the year, while in Burrillville they fell by 14.0 percent. Wages also fell in Gloucester (-6.2%), Smithfield (-5.5%), and Scituate (-2.1%).

Employment and Wages in Other Services

	Annual Average Employment 2002-2003				Annual Average Wage 2002-2003			
	2002	2003	Change	% Change	2002	2003	Change	% Change
RHODE ISLAND	17,634	17,911	277	1.6%	\$22,440	\$22,741	\$301	1.3%
Barrington	257	266	9	3.5%	\$12,924	\$12,927	\$3	0.0%
Bristol	224	248	24	10.7%	\$20,474	\$20,150	-\$323	-1.6%
Burrillville	98	100	2	2.0%	\$21,134	\$18,167	-\$2,967	-14.0%
Central Falls	169	126	-43	-25.4%	\$20,812	\$23,963	\$3,151	15.1%
Charlestown	64	58	-6	-9.4%	\$18,480	\$20,580	\$2,100	11.4%
Coventry	288	295	7	2.4%	\$22,325	\$24,253	\$1,928	8.6%
Cranston	1,588	1,640	52	3.3%	\$22,428	\$22,430	\$2	0.0%
Cumberland	327	323	-4	-1.2%	\$17,877	\$18,714	\$836	4.7%
East Greenwich	253	227	-26	-10.3%	\$27,191	\$20,645	-\$6,546	-24.1%
East Providence	732	765	33	4.5%	\$23,741	\$24,103	\$362	1.5%
Exeter	22	30	8	36.4%	\$13,727	\$15,228	\$1,501	10.9%
Foster	13	9	-4	-30.8%	\$7,847	\$12,456	\$4,610	58.7%
Glocester	33	39	6	18.2%	\$23,269	\$21,815	-\$1,454	-6.2%
Hopkinton	67	76	9	13.4%	\$34,494	\$36,222	\$1,728	5.0%
Jamestown	64	79	15	23.4%	\$28,631	\$30,464	\$1,833	6.4%
Johnston	460	487	27	5.9%	\$21,398	\$22,317	\$920	4.3%
Lincoln	173	194	21	12.1%	\$24,222	\$23,955	-\$268	-1.1%
Little Compton	37	42	5	13.5%	\$15,774	\$16,122	\$348	2.2%
Middletown	593	625	32	5.4%	\$18,143	\$19,553	\$1,410	7.8%
Narragansett	191	199	8	4.2%	\$19,216	\$20,051	\$835	4.3%
Newport	511	497	-14	-2.7%	\$23,120	\$23,186	\$66	0.3%
New Shoreham	14	14	-	-	\$15,009	\$18,036	\$3,027	20.2%
North Kingstown	277	275	-2	-0.7%	\$24,094	\$26,126	\$2,032	8.4%
North Providence	345	372	27	7.8%	\$19,857	\$19,748	-\$108	-0.5%
North Smithfield	71	101	30	42.3%	\$16,841	\$16,903	\$62	0.4%
Pawtucket	1,341	1,287	-54	-4.0%	\$21,281	\$21,883	\$602	2.8%
Portsmouth	166	174	8	4.8%	\$23,536	\$24,510	\$974	4.1%
Providence	4,563	4,586	23	0.5%	\$26,618	\$26,992	\$375	1.4%
Richmond	34	32	-2	-5.9%	\$23,685	\$25,021	\$1,336	5.6%
Scituate	52	52	-	-	\$26,321	\$25,759	-\$561	-2.1%
Smithfield	264	263	-1	-0.4%	\$19,387	\$18,314	-\$1,073	-5.5%
South Kingstown	721	742	21	2.9%	\$19,031	\$19,196	\$165	0.9%
Tiverton	139	143	4	2.9%	\$16,601	\$16,755	\$153	0.9%
Warren	137	134	-3	-2.2%	\$18,361	\$20,452	\$2,091	11.4%
Warwick	1,698	1,750	52	3.1%	\$21,603	\$21,670	\$67	0.3%
Westerly	439	469	30	6.8%	\$16,844	\$16,654	-\$191	-1.1%
West Greenwich	22	18	-4	-18.2%	\$17,451	\$19,243	\$1,792	10.3%
West Warwick	390	391	1	0.3%	\$20,893	\$20,787	-\$106	-0.5%
Woonsocket	550	574	24	4.4%	\$16,133	\$16,591	\$458	2.8%

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